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Air Clears At Inner City

Last Wednesday night members of the Inner City Service Project and the James Connolly Society met to discuss their recent hassles over holiday pay and hostel renovation costs.

On a recommendation from the Labour Relations Board, Inner City paid full holiday benefits to the Connolly House people for the period up to the time when the Hostel became autonomous. Checks were turned over and both groups were satisfied on the first point of contention.

The second problem, one of possible misplacing of Hostel renovations funds, was slightly more complicated. According to Dave Adair, an Inner City Staffer, money received since Sept. of last year from the addition of one dollar to the average rate of $4.20 per bed per day, was spent on reducing a hostel renovation debt that Inner City had acquired previous to that time.

For their part, the Connolly House Staff agreed that this could be a plausible explanation and that since negotiations for this additional money were held between Max Beck and the City Social Welfare Dept., and that since neither party was available for comments, thee charges levelled at Inner City were pretty shaky. The end result saw both groups sharing the cost of an independent audit of Inner City's books from the Hostel's inception up until its departure from the Inner City umbrella.

Another point about the alleged refusal of access to the Connally House files was cleared up. Peter Dent of Inner City stated that while Connolly House people were not allowed to remove the only copies of the records on file, they were welcome to gestetner any information they desired. In the heat of a previous incounter, this was unfortunately misunderstood as a denial of information.

After three hours and two cases of beer it seemed that the hassles were resolved fairly amiably and people agreed that open and honest meetings should replace rumour and innuendo in the future.

le dain

Repeal of the laws against possession of marijuana was the highlight recommendation of the LeDain Commission on the non medical use of drugs, announced in Ottawa last week.

The Report received front-page attention in the straight press, and reactions varied widely.

Dr. Reginald Robson, president of the B.C. Civil Lberties Association viewed repeal of laws against possession while maintaining laws against trafficking as "inconsistent" from a civil libertarian point of view.

A spokesman for the Narcotics Addiction Foundation saw the recommendations as a "compromise," between what the Commission might have liked to change, and what they realistically thought they could achieve.

Both observers agreed that little legislation is likely from the Cabinet in this election year.

Health Minister John Munro made that prediction appear accurate by stating to some Nova Scotia students that he disagreed with the Commission's major recommendations.

The 400 page report also called for reduction of the penalties for trafficking to five years for indictment, and eighteen months for summary conviction.

(The present maximum penalty for trafficking under the Criminal Code is life)

While the report was cautious about declaring that marijuana is not harmful, it balanced the impossibility of adequately enforcing existing laws against "a continuing policy to discourage its(marijuana's) use."

"The criminal law process in the drug field is particularly unpleasant and generates considerable resentment," reads the report. "It also tends to bring the law and police into some disrepute."

"There is no doubt," continues the report, "that the law on cannibis has created for a significant number of youth a disillusionment with law and legal institutions, as well as the process of government generally."

Mattress Busted

The Advance Mattress may soon become Vancouver's shortest lived coffee house.

Tuesday night, the GRAPE learned that the landlord has given Bonnie Beckman and the Mattress a 6 day eviction notice.

The Mattress opened on May 12.

There is a voluntary admission of .25 cents. And the Mattress has hosted a variety of different events. Folk singers, dance, guest speakers, movie nights, poetry nights and general get togethers.

One of the people who frequents and has become fond of the Mattress phones the GRAPE and said they would try to fight the eviction. You could go down to the Mattress at 2950 W. 4th and see if

tid-bits

FOOD PRICES

Federal Liberals turned thumbs down on a proposal for an investigation of rising food prices.

Tuesday morning Grace McInnis, NDP member, suggested a special government investigation into rising food prices.

She said food prices have risen 7 one-half lpercent in the last 5 months, while the profits of SuperValu have risen 40 per cent and Safeway's 50 per cent over last years profits in the same 5 months.

The motion for an investigation was defeated in the House

STILL TRUCKIN'

Three huge logging trucks had to back down a mountain last week following the closure of the Spence Bridge logging road by the local Indian Reserve...**The logging road was built without permission or compensation to the Indians and cuts through their reserve. It has recently been widened and improved to allow trucks from Weyerhause Logging Co. better access. Indians have erected a blockade and dug a large hole in the road to stop the trucks. They will maintain their blockade until they receive compensation from either the Department of Highways or Weyerhauser. If the Department of Highways gives in, and it looks like it will, they may be paying $1 for every 1000 board feet going through the reserve. Such additional charges won't make B.C. taxpayers feel very good, and Weyerhauser (One of the biggest American firms in the logging business) will get off scot free (again)...Meanwhile charges against 16 Doukhabours were dismissed in Grand Forks. They were arrested in a nude demonstration to protest the handling of six Doukhabours now in the Federal Penitentiary at Kingston Ontario...**

ON THE WOMANS FRONT...

A proposal for a provincial ministry of women was shot down by the B.C. government last week, as it would "only add to discrimination". The proposal grew out of a demand to see the recommendations of the Report on the Status of Women brought into law...**Marjory Clark took 15,300 signatures to Ottawa on a petition calling for a repeal of the abortion law and threatened to stand on street corners with her friends collecting more signatures until Trudeau made good his election promise to repeal the bill...**

Meanwhile in Vancouver a woman robbed the Toronto Dominion Bank at the Pacific Centre of more than $1000, and an English study showed that a fair wage for a housewife (valuing her work on the labour market for services performed) would be $10,003 a year. That's by English standards and, what's more, doesn't include "services performed" after the lights go out...

CITY LIGHTS

Rankin strikes again, this time in proposing a 2 buck toll for anyone crossing the Lions Gate bridge in a one passenger car... City welfare chief Boyd is in good company in suggesting that the 1000 welfare cheques not picked up during the strike represent a fraud. Gaglardi confirms "the frauds" which he claims cost the city $1,000,000 a year. Meanwhile, for those supporting the picketers, it's soon to be a money or principles matter, since cheques not picked up this week will bring on an investigation and perhaps cancellation of welfare.

...Cap college funds for a campus were cut by one-third by the Socreds...**UBC received a 2.5 million dollar grant to set up a new Museum of Man housing their $10 million collection of coastal Indian artifacts, oriental and classical art.**

...The government-operated fisheries board claim that fish waste being dumped by B.C. fishing Co. (Weston) into rivers around Vancouver smothers the marine life here...

...We give less money to United Appeal than any other Canadian city save Montreal...**The alcoholism research foundation just got a grant to establish a central registry on chronic drunks in Vancouver. The registry will catalogue their history and patterns of conduct...**plain

...It's flag week in Vancouver June 26th. Keep those flags flying boys.

The Ku Klux Klan applied for a charter under Alberta's Societies Act last week. The application says the society's objects are: "to provide a fraternal lodge for men who enjoy a kinship of race, religious belief, character and purpose" and "to advocate racial purity among its members."

WE FOUGHT HYDRO AND WON

PARTISAN NEWS SERVICE - We were sitting in our living room at 11 a.m. on May 3rd when the man came to cut off our electriciy. He wore mod clothes, had longish hair, and looked like a guy who considers himself quite a swinger. Anyway, he gave us "one last chance" to pay the sixty dollar security deposit Hydro was demanding of us, before cutting off the power.

We all gathered around the door - seven of us - and started asking him questions: "Why does Hydro only charge security deposits to people with low incomes?" What right does Hydro have to ask for these deposits anyway - and with only a few days notice?..."

He made a half-hearted attempt to answer, but was getting nervous. We asked him his name: "Peters," he said. We knew of another home - on Marine Drive - that Mr. Peters had been ordered to victimize. A woman with several small children lived there. When the power was cut off, Children's Aid had taken the kids away. We asked him how he felt about this. "It wasn't so simple," he said, "There were other factors involved."

By this time Mr. Peters was quite nervous. He started walking around to the side of the house where the electric meter was. We followed him, asking more questions. He started fumbling round with the meter box, though his hands weren't too steady.

Then one of us - Jim - edged himself in between Peters and the meter. "Will you please move," Peters said. "No," Jim replied. "OK. then, I don't care. We can cut it off at the pole and you'll be charged $25.00 for reconnection," said Peters and left.

Instead of sending someone else to cut off our power, Hydro next sent us a letter - hand-delivered. It said they now were demanding only $45.00 and set May 10 as the deadline to pay it, or face disconnection. We told them they couldn't bribe us so easily.

But no attempt was made to cut off the power, and on May 14 we were informed that Hydro was giving up and was withdrawing its demand for a deposit.

To understand the reasons for this victory, it is necessary to understand some background. Back in December a group of people who were being asked for security deposits by Hydro met with lawyer Ian Waddell of the Community Legal Assistance Society. They decided to challenge, in court, Hydro's policy of collecting security deposits - primarily on the grounds that they were arbitrarily assessed and discriminatory against people with low incomes. The hearing date was set for sometime next October in B.C. Supreme Court.

Out of this group eventually developed the Hydro Action Committee of which I am a member. We primarily did publicity work, to come into contact with people who were having hassles with Hydro and wanted to find ways of fighting them. Recently Allan Garr of CKLG has also begun fighting on this issue, both on his own show on FM and also with a mild "People's Commercial" on AM.

So this is the context in which Hydro decided to back off from confronting our house. In addition to the direct action we took against Peters we were planning to ask for an injunction to stop Hydro from cutting off our power until the October court case is decided, and they may have felt on weak ground legally. Also they probably know that their security deposit policy is resented by many people. They now hold over a million dollars in security deposits and must feel they have a lot to lose if public controversy is generated over the issue.

The Hydro Action Committee feels that these conditions make the present situation very advantageous for people to stand up to Hydro and refuse to pay security deposits. If you are being asked for a deposit and want to fight it, get in touch with us and we'll help in any way we can. Call me, Ian, at 324-3040.

spring cleaning

by Sylvia Hawreliak

Canadian Blacks have been picked up in Vancouver recently, on suspicion of being American. It seems our vigilant police force doesn't think any Blacks are born in Canada.

Last Wednesday, Cecil Williams and a friend (name withheld to prevent future possible harassment) were walking from a parked car in a hotel lot to the beer parlour. Three plain clothes men pulled into the lot in an unmarked car and stopped the men and asked where they were going. After the obvious answer the officers proceeded to search the men for narcotics. This was illegal since police must have probably grounds for searching for narcotics and they had none, unless being Black is sufficient grounds for suspicion.

When the search was complete and the police had found nothing, they took the two men to the police station saying they were going to run an identity check on them. (In Canada you need not carry identification but somehow you get into trouble if you don't.) For whites an ID check is made by telephone from the police car.

Instead of the ID check they were led to an office where three Immigration Officials were waiting to take particulars. The questions asked were place of birth; names and residence of parents; and whether they carried birth certificates. Remember, in Canada you are not required by law to carry ID.) Cecil, a Canadian, and his friend were released.

Usually, the local police station calls the Immigration Dept. when a matter for them comes up, but it seems there have been some wholesale pickups lately and many American Blacks have been processed in the past month, along with Canadian Blacks. We must presume the Immigration problem is so bad it requires a three man unit on duty around the clock.

W.A. Adams of the Immigration Dept. told the GRAPE that Immigration Officers are not stationed in the Public Safety Building, but are called when required. This does not explain the presence of Immigration Officers there when Williams was picked up, or the reason he was taken into custody.

A Vancouver policeman, the only one available to the phone due to the Civic employees strike, said he is stopped by the RCMP in Burnaby about once a week going to and from work and doesn't consider it harassment. Citizens of a supposedly free country disagree.

Incidentally, Immigration Hearings are still held behind closed doors with no witnesses. Only the defendant and his counsel may enter chambers.

Beside the underhanded method used above, Immigration officials have been known to visit Black Americans in Vancouver and give them two hours to leave the country even though they are here legally and have no criminal charges against them.

Blacks cannot avoid Vancouver police because they find excuses to stop them. Many Canadians are stopped while going to and from work time and time again. Americans who face criminal charges after meeting our glorious police force are ruthlessly deported. Blacks with Landed Immigrant status in Canada fare no better when faced with charges.

Fines, bonds, lawyers, living costs and harassment finally take their toll and Canada loses another citizen

Vancouver police should take note of a few facts. All Blacks are not American. All Blacks are not criminals. It is no crime to be Black.

STONES FORGERY

By DOUG DIXON

Rumour has it that 1,000 counterfeit tickets for the Rolling Stones have been printed by some local people.

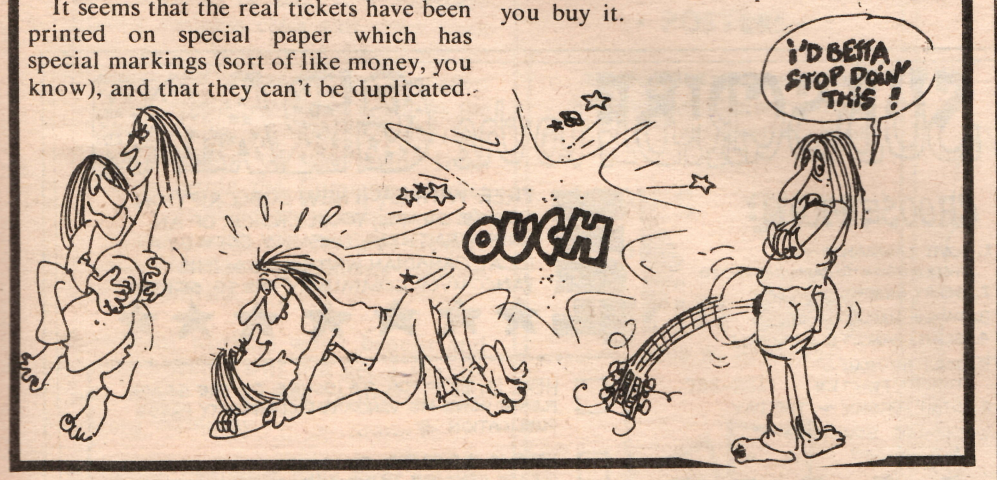
But the promoters say that buyers should beware before purchasing tickets, except from close friends, for the false tickets will be easily recognized.

It seems that the real tickets have been printed on special paper which has special markings (sort of like money, you know), and that they can't be duplicated.

In other words the false tickets will not get anyone closer to the Stones than the gates.

At this time it is unknown whether the forgers printed the tickets to make money - or to overcrowd the Coliseum.

Either way, if you want to attend the concert and have to buy a ticket at scalper's prices, get it from a friend or take the ticket to the promoters before you buy it.



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PETITION FOR SOUTH VIET DESERTER

A petition campaign is being organized in support of Vu Toan Cong, a 24 year old political refugee from South Vietnam.

Vu is under threat of deportation by the Canadian government on highly suspicious grounds. Unlike refugees from Communist countries who are granted immediate immigrant status on the basis of possible persecution in their homeland, Vu and citizens of non'communist nations are not granted the same accord.

Vu Toan deserted from the South Vietnamese navy in San Diego where he was sent for training. He crossed the border into Canada Legitimately and has not broken any laws here. He applied for landed immigrant status, and was refused; his appeal also was refused in an unusually quick period.

According tohis lawyer, Stuart Rush, under the South Vietnamese lenal code, Vu is liable for 20 years hard labour and immediate transfer to a front-line penitentiary unit.

"This would mean almost certain death," Rush pointed out. "Vu would have a gun at his back, as well as facing the Liberation forces."

Vu does not support fighting in any way, though he feels that if sides had to be chosen, his would not be the government side.

The Canadian government seems to be dropping its thinly-veiled guise of neutrality in this case, a clear indication that it's support in the war resides with the American troops.

Those who feel that Vu should be allowed to stay in Canada onlhumanitarian grounds, just like any other refugee fleeing political persecution, can join in the petition campaign. If interested phone Kathy at 733-0898.

PARTY IN THE STREETS

People living near Commercial will take over the street this Sunday as part of the Grandview Spring Festival.

From 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. there will be games, contests, plays, exhibitions, rummage sales, dancing and mingling all on Commercial Street and nearby Grandview park.

"It will be an opportunity for a broad segment of the Grandview community to get together and have a good time, and to have their street to themselves for a few hours," Bill Bargeman one of the people involved told the GRAPE.

He said getting the street closed to vehicle traffic was an important part of the festival. Commercial will be closed off between Napier and Charles in the afternoon and between lst and 3rd for a street dance in the evening.

City Hall and the police who are playing in a community soccer game in the morning (the friendly cop on you block and all that) are apparently bending over to cooperate.

Bill said it would be a community party outdoors, with lots of things for families and kids and lots things going on at once.

The Grandview Area Council, the YWCA, Brittania Design Company, Project Feedback, Project Attack, local elementary and high schools and various interested citizens are all involved in the festival which was motivated by Project Contact a local LIP programme.

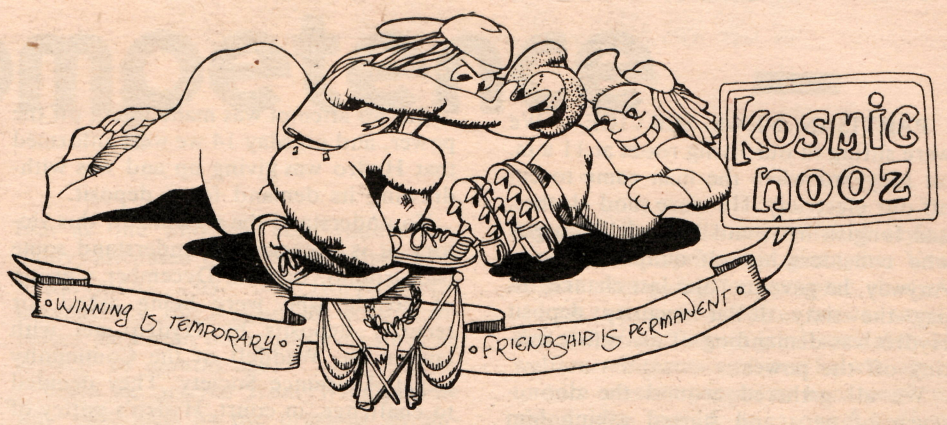
All events are listed in Cheap Thrills page 23 and 26.

There will be an arts and crafts workshop, on Commercial between Rayonier and Charles St. and a bike and rummage sale in the park. There will be free tie dying if you bring something to do.

A Tai Chi Dancing exhibition takes place at 2 p.m. in the park, a bicycle decorating contest at noon, a puppet show in the park at 12:30, theatre at 1 p.m., and a street dance in the evening complete with outdoor cafes and strolling minstrels.

Other events include a soccer game, variety show, folk dancing, spaghetti eating contest and senior citizens drop in.

Events postponed one week if it rains.



"ZEPHERS CATCH PERVERTS WITH PANTS DOWN"

With the score 8-6 at the bottom of the seventh inning the Zephers wisely called the game due to darkness or some other feeble excuse. The Perverts, known for their mighty 8th inning comebacks, will have to wait for another day. Some of the Perverts were seen at Gassy Jacks later, crying over their harvey wallbangers.

At a Pervert meeting later the Zephers were voted most popular team to be beaten by although the Perverts agree it can never happen again. Raw-raw-raw for the Zephers.

NOTE - I think that the people on salary for the cosmic league might spend some time organizing facilities for the games.

Kosmic League Sportsview:

PARADE TO THE POST (or IS BILL GOOD?)

by Clancy L'Orange

With the 1971 champion Teen Angels kicked upstairs into an executive suite and the field apparently wide open, it's time for this Writer's always accurate predictions regarding the final outcome of the 1972 Kosmic League season.

Flex Morgan and the Mock Heroics will be the most powerful team all year but will certainly lose the big playoff game, just as they always have and always will...The East End Punks, surprisingly strong, will prove the dominant force in the east, but inexperience will lost them what they have lost before...Hi Wind Cruisers have lost too much momentum and a potential championship ball team looks like it ain't never gonna get its motor started..Paterson Park Perverts will all be in hospital by the time countdown date for the final tournament, four long drunken months away...The Peak Paper Tigers will be good, but definitely not good enough, ditto the Diamond Dazzlers, Dildoes, and Delights. M.P.A. just might psyche everybody out, but not too likely, and the Cordless Vibrators are definitely going to battle all comers for last place...The Granville Grange Zephyrs, with key veterans like Bud Dorey hitting mid-season stride, will finally overcome the crippling loss of Kosmic League Hall-of-Famers Dazzy Vance and Stretch Toppings, and will cruise thru the championship that they should have won last year, but that's another story and you all know my feelings on that one..Remember...Imposters will not be tolerated.

If the Zephyrs have a shortcoming, it is a definite lack of speed, a situation which will probably force a change so far as the traditional Zephyr Popsicle Policy is concerned. As one astute Zephyr observer remarked, "either they start licking twice as many or they stop the whole popsicle thing altogether, I mean, let's face it, something's got to give."

CIVIC STRIKE A LONG HAUL

By BRIAN CHARLTON

As the Civic Strike entered the 6th week, Delta inside and outside workers joined their fellow workers in Vancouver, Burnaby and New West. That brings to 4,000, Canadian Union of Public Employees and Municipal and Regional Employees Union (CUPE) members who are out. The only two groups still working, who are involved in the negotiations, are the Richmond and North Van. people.

Tuesday talks resumed between CUPE, MRGV and the Municipal Labour Relations Bureau (MLRB) to discuss arbitration.

Earlier in the day the two unions and the B.C. Federation of Labour met to select a group of possible arbitrators.

Labour representatives, Jack Phillips of CUPE and Bob Ross of MREV, made it quite clear that this arbitration would be non-binding and that thestrike would continue until a settlement had been agreed upon by union membership.

Ron Andrews; mayor of North Van. and chief negotiator for MLRB, added that CUPE stated that any proposals be made public only at CUPE's discretion and also they rejected a proposal that any mediation proposal be voted on by union membership. Union representatives were at the negotiating conference and were unavailable. If true, it's obvious the workefs, are not going to be forced into settlement by any propaganda effort the MLRB might get out of the talks.

ON THE PICKET LINES

The people whowere answering the union phones were "not at liberty" to discuss the meetings but strikers picketting the Cop shop were more talkative.

Morale appeared to be good. One worker "we'll stay out till we get a decent settlement, after all the only bloody weapon workers have is the strike"

However they expressed resentment towards Richmond and North Van Workers for not going out. A picketer said "They don't have to worry; they'll get the same raise plus the North Van. workers will get a 60 percent catch up pay."

While I was talking to them a woman came up yelling "Get back to work! If I was the gov't I'd fire you all". The only comment the man had was "she must be on welfare". He later elaborated that people, the public was misinformed about the strike and this was was resulting in that type of opinion of the strike.

This related to the established" media playing up the garbage and welfare situation.

The workers are determined however to hold out for a fair settlement.

One picketer predicted "The strike should be over in first two weeks of June. Campbell (remember the mayor) will be back by Friday and he'll be embarassed into a settlement" Incidently Campbell is under fire from his cronies for not sticking around instead of tripping off to England and Quebec City. His defence was "Iknew it was going to be a long strike. With the offer of 9.55 percent (which amounts to 7.5 percent actual wage increase and broken over two years it amounts to crumbs) now no wonder.

Meanwhile, welfare recipients are being used by the employeers as a P.R. weapon against the strikers. The situation remains the same. So with MLRB method of using welfare recipients and garbage piles to propagandize against the workers and the inside and outside workers determination to get a fair settlement, it looks like a long strike.

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AUTOPSY IN VIETNAM:

the vietnamese papers ?

Anthony Russo, retired defense intellectual and former RAND Corp. employee, came into public view last year as one of Daniel Ellsberg's assistants in the **Pentagon Papers** caper. In the April issue of **Ramparts** he re-appeared, out of court, to offer his memoirs of life in the academic echelons of the US defense establishment. As another body of lengthening thin blue line of penitents he typically offered up many cheerful and poignant reflections about a misspent career. Oh Sunshine Patriots. Oh Winter Soldiers.

Among the disclosures he made was the news that a "Vietcong Motivation and Morale Project" conducted by his former employer, the RAND Corp., some 40,000 pages of research, which was to have been made public five years ago, still has not been released. Why not Russo explains:

"Well, for two reasons: (1) the interviews contain embarassing stories of atrocities and crimes against humanity; and (2) they reveal the identity and therefore the humanity of the Vietnamese. Publication of the interviews would make it much more difficult to depersonalize the Vietnamese as "gooks," "slopes," and "terrorists"; we could no longer get away with ignoring the civilian body counts (330 per day); and we would have to re-examine all our imperial notions about "helping" the poor peasant countries of the third world." Although the bulk of this study has not been made public, a few short reports from it have been released. Imcomplete as they are, these selections nonetheless present a compelling description of the revolutionary movement led by the National Liberation Front of South Viet Nam (NFL-SVN). What emerges is a people dedicated to real social change, confident in principle and abilities, who display an incomparable level of motivation, making a sharp contrast with the camp of their enemies. At briefings given to Defense Dept. officials, at the end of the project's first run, John T. McNaughton, then asst. sec. of Defense remarked: "If what you say in that briefing is true, we're fighting on the wrong side."

The results of this study were, to put it mildly, not very well received. The study director found himself replaced and his professional competence called in question; research staffs met the squinting eye as well and were reshuffled in an attempt to get what the policy chiefs really wanted.

RAND'S "Vietcong Motivation and Morale Project" was contracted by the US Defence Department's International Security Affairs (ISA) office and its Advanced Research Projects Agency (ARPA,) the budget was set at about $ one-half million per year. In its general outline it resembled the sort of intelligence effort launched in any war to detect points of enemy weakness and trends in morale. First begun by two scholars (yecch), acting as consultants for RAND in Saigon, the research team was later expanded. Researchers were assembled and housed in the RAND Corp. villa in Saigon. When first proposed in the late 1950's the study was flatly turned down by President Ngo Dinh Diem. Diem, who always sought to work within the system, and he thought it was his own, fell victim to the bullets and bayonets of a larger system in 1963. Among the lesser liberating effects felt throughout Viet Nam after his death was the clearance given for the project.

Among later arrivals on the research team was Anthony Russo. Equipped with military officers rank and Vietnamese interpreters, research teams went out on data gathering tours of prisoner of war camps that were scattered all over southern Viet Nam. The interviews with captured members of the NFL-SVN (and later with North Vietnamese 'infiltrators) consisted of detailed questions about social backgrounds and attitudes towards the war. By about 1967 over 600 interviews had been completed.

The study was designed to detect points of collapse of morale, clues for psychological warfare campaigns, and, no doubt, form the basis for more direct attacks on the revolutionary movement. The results however were more than researchers and policy makers bargained for.

There appeared to be no point of collapse, morale fluctuated like all human morale but remained at an effective level and short of physical annihilation of the movement there were no indications that any downward trend was underway. And so, physical annihilation has become the name of the game, open warfare an answer to guer - rilla warfare.

The few selections from the 40,000 or more pages that comprise the "Vietcong Motivation and Morale Project" give a view of the political realities from the personal points of view of the men and women who have remained obscured in the most reported war in history.

Next week, first in a series of reviews:

Volunteers for the Viet Cong.

QUEBEC:

THE AFTERMATH

By the Quebec Desk

"...the workers' actions have suffered from several problems. The actions have been spontaneous and disorganized (on a large scale) and lack a clear final goal except the expression of anger and frustration at the government and the economic situation." - Solidaire.

At a meeting last Monday, 1000 dissident members of the Confederation of National Trade Unions called by three members of the CNTU executive called for the formation of a new union.

The workers present, mostly from blue collar unions, voted 758 in favour of forming a new group, 256 in favour of revamping the leadership, and 15 in favour of the status quo.

A fear and dislike of "intellectual radicals" seemed to be the main motivation of the unionists.

This move towards a new union is one reaction to the events of the last weeks in Quebec. But there are others, all forming part of the answer as to why the strike is over.

Contrary to what some would have wanted to believe, what occurred in Quebec was not a revolution. In many ways, it was a series of spontaneous actions by workers, spurred on by the jailing of the three Common Front union leaders. As such, leadership was diffused and erratic. You can't ask workers to stay off the job, risking their livelihood, to support the jailing of three union leaders who in the past had let them down once already. The issue has got to be more substantive than that.

While support for the general walkouts were quite widespread, there was much division among rank-and-file about the propriety and timing of the actions.

More importantly, there were some positive effects of the strike which will last longer and be more permanent than any single victory or defeat.

WORKERS' CONTROL

The Albert Prevost Institute, a psychiatric unit in eastend Montreal, was the scene of worker occupation. The doctors and residents at the institute realized that nearly striking the place would have a counterproductive result in that patients are the victims of a struggle between the workers and the state. At Prevost, the administrators were booted out and the workers kept the operation running by themselves. All the rhetoric in the world couldn't prove more eloquently how redundant the administrators were.

Eventually, the head man called in the police and the occupiers were evicted. At all times, they had treated the patients well, and had conducted their meetings democratically. A mass plenum decided general policy, and work committees were struck to take care of specific objectives. Maintenance people and resident doctors, nurses and secretaries all had equal voice.

Prevost was a positive model of workers' control, a concept which is more threatening to the state than walkouts and strikes. While such control is tenuous as long as the corridors of power are controlled by the government, workers were provided with a new weapon in their struggle against Bourassa and his pay-men.

Another positive feature to emerge from the week's events was the deeper links forged between unions and citizens' organizations. Here resides the kernel of true parallel power. Combined with takeovers like Albert Prevost and the workers committee of Sept-Iles (see last week's GRAPE), mass general strikes and political upheavals have a greater chance of succeeding and sustaining themselves.

Latest reports from Quebec indicate that dramatic reallignment of forces are taking place. The Parti Quebecois has broken with the workers movement to some extent and has denounced the leftward turn of the leadership. The unions themselves are fraught with internal wrangling. This is not a bad thing, for ideological and tactical differences must be worked out in order to provide more effective leadership.

Even Bourassa's government is in trouble, with resignations in the offing

The strike can be very easily taken out of context. Out of a work force of 2.4 million the Common Front (FTQ, CSN, CEQ) represents 210,000 unionized workers in the public sector. The three main unions represent in total 750,000. The fact that the private sector would strike in solidarity in the numbers it did is encouraging however, it proved difficult to maintain support for extended periods of time. As in the entire history of the Quebec struggle there were ups and down periods where huge walkouts would be followed by backtracking and timid leadership. Yet never before have so many militant actions been so strongly sustained as during this strike (Sept-Iles, St. Jerome, North Shore, etc.).

There are divisions inside the unions about whether workers should be politicized and if so, how. It is clear that they are being politicized nonetheless and the contradictions and limitations of the present unions and union bureaucracy are becoming more evident.

COMMIE CULTS

Dear Grape,

Just who are these Youngblood weirdos? I have never heard of them before reading about their exploits in the last issue of your obscure newspaper. How about a little more relevant news. Surely there are groups in this city more deserving of space in your paper than these small bunch of neo-fascists. Anyone who puts the welfare of a stupid machine before the health and welfare of a brother human being is as sick as those incredible assholes, presently committing genocide on the third world peoples of the world. If you would like to see your paper achieve a wider circulation, then you should have news that will appeal to a wider range of people, other than the elite few, who make up the so called political community in this city. The Youngbloods, partisans, volunteers, etc.,are organizations of people who like to think that they are more aware of the world's situation than others. In short, they falsely believe themselves to be the vanguard of a revolution taking no thought whatsoever that the type of revolution they want, i.e., the Youngbloods, conducted with weapons of destruction, is no real human alternative at all, but is just oppression all over again, under a different master. They even sound like machines when they talk. We in our collective think that there is little constructive value in violent oriented political cults.

All Power to a human
and Peaceful Revolution

Mardi Peterson
Brian Bonnolly
Mary Ho
Peter Gingrass
Patty Purcell

FUG SCHOOL

I have only read two Grapes, and I've never seen the Strait so I can't really make any comments. I would like to make a suggestion though, show up the education system for what it is, rip the shit out of it, it deserves it.

Babies are Zen Masters, curious about everything.
Adults are serious and bored.
What happened?
Brain surgery by the schools.

- Jerry Rubin

I'll take 4 dollars worth.
Doug the Fug

WOMAN BEATEN

To the Editor:

In Vietnam I witnessed women carried into hospitals after being brutalized by G.I.'s for daring to be in the way of their passage.

In Montreal I witnessed, last Saturday, a woman being savagely beaten by a policeman for daring to peacefully demonstrate against her country's support of American aggression in Vietnam.

I was sickened but not surprised.

One cannot have violence on one side of the coin and not the other, nor on one side of the world and not the other.

To the extent that we permit our country's resources to be fed into the U.S. war machine we shall continue to witness women being attacked by male bullies.

The guilt must be shared by every government official, in and out of uniform, who supports such actions by their silence.

The solution must be found in the voice of the people raised in anger.

Claire Culhane

GRAPE JAILED

Dear Sirs,

I am an inmate at the Washington State Reformatory and would like to get the Grape free of charge.

I have no money, but wish I could pay you for the paper.

So if it is possible could you send me the Grape free of charge.

If so then send it to:

Vernon R. Phillips
No. 127082
P.O. Box 777
Monroe, Washington 98272

Thank you very much,
Vernon Phillips

(GRAPE NOTE: Done.)

KID CULTS

A letter to All of You,

Been about seven weeks now that we've been trying to find a good communal house to get settled in. Been turned down six times (yes, **six** fuckin' times) 'coz we have a two year old child. Started to feel like we're trying to move in with our pet alligator if you can dig what I mean. It just seems to be part of a collective drag when all you people can't look at a two year old child in the face and say that you dig him.

Your slim reasonings haven't helped. All the excuses about not knowing whether or not you can tolerate having a kid around, or won't he be a hassle and so on are just babblings. You con't tolerate a child. You either love him or you don't, and if you don't its 'cause you're too preoccupied with your own trips to let a child intrude. Communal selfishness I guess you could call it.

So now we're "sponsoring" a group marriage class for the Free U. 'coz we need a loving communal atmosphere for ourselves and our little one and muclear family structures just ain't enough.

Brothers and Sisters, we are all here together, even the Little Ones, just blowing bubbles and looking at our reflections.

Revolution starts within.

Jim and Sylvie and Jamey,
the Little One

HINDU CULTS

Somewhere in the Sage

This morning I started the journey to Las Vegas not really relishing the day-long trip thru the sage. My canine friend, sweet Chico - an Australian Shepard native to this region, was overjoyed to be on the road again. The first ride was provided by a plump but righteous churchgoer complete with framed picture of the master Jesus riding along in the back seat. St. Chris should of had the honor as there are many No Speed Limit Nevadans like this plump but righteous church goer. She told me how nice it was giving a ride to a nice clean shaven shorthaired kid. And then started in on the tragic story of her son, who had linked up with some (villainous) hippies and got into speed, thievery, jail, and foul language. Now this, of course, hit her heart deeply and now she condemned all longhairs, being convinced they are all strung out on speed, rip people off, kill pigs, etc. This misconception is precisely the reason that I cut my Samsonian locks last month. More and more often I found myself the victem of such generalizations directed to hair length...even to the point where my father condemned me along with such things as organic food, meditation, zen, pollution... anything that's new to him. This is how some of the old fogies think even outside this sinfilled state. Booze, prostitution, gambling, mafiosos, crooked lawyers,...the whole sumoose. I speak thru experience. My mother crashed me in on one of those exclusive champaigne chats where I found myself in the same role as Dustin Hoffman in the Graduate "Aluminum, son". Back to this lady - she warned me against the older hippies who've had years experience in mugging, killing and stealing. I refrained from any comments since her opinion was the final word but I could of related countless enlightening positive deeds well done by good conscious "hippies". Next she asks me about the college that I'm on my way to look into..."It's somehow connected with the Church of Universology", I say upon which she says, "It's not one of those CULTS is it? hindu...yoga...", in a condemning shades-of-Manson voice. So I say no and the gen gap wins again. I'm not a diplomatic person so I steer away from anything debatable whenever wherever.

letters

TOUCH ME

There are lots of foulmouthedspeed freak slobs here and no wonder these good bigoted imperialistic snobs are repulsed by these degenerate mirrors. Desert meadowlarks are really farout. love to Michael Peggy Zvi Stridder Barry Janet Birger leah Fleming Maureen Sheen Aura Candy Vic Eric Penny Chris Peter Pat D'arcy Danny Shawn Brent Dennis Susan Betty Meno Brice farm etc Jim Judy Shane John Carol Jeff Judy Vince Margret Becky Donna George Leslie Kemo Mr. Jupiter Kirk Catherine Jean G. Helen David Beverly Sol Leon Jim Sylvia Tim Bill Debbie Dave Joan Warren Peter Cope Bobby Yous Other pups Dawn Banks Jonathan Ami Oden Barbra Others touch one of the above.

Pieter and Chico

WHY QUIGLEY?

Editors:

Yes. What is Quigley doing in the first section? Are you trying to hide one of your brightest lights? And where is the full page that Mr. Quigley so richly deserves? Your Better Days supplement is one of the best things about your paper and might be expanded. Why not more books on a regular basis?

Quigley:

Why such a short column this week? No records or other private music. Why not review some golden oldies that have not been deleted. And if you do want to concentrate on Public Music could you also mention the good classics on radio. I'm sure that CBU-AM, CBU-FM, CBUF-FM, CHQM, etc., would send you their previews or playlists for the week to comment on and to mention in the Grape. How about it?

Leslie:

Really like your column though I think you should mention approximate prices more often. You should have mentioned the dangers of letting too much water get out of the steamer allowing the bowl to "bump" or upset and too much causes the bowl to float. Don't forget for fist that besides steaming you can also clear'simmer them - the most common methods of cooking fish Chinese.

Now that the smelt are running get the nets. Off to Spanish Banks. Look out for the boundary markers for fishing that are set up on the landward side of the road)

Why not try to do something to them? They are a bit too small to steam but can be simmered.

Here is an interesting red-simmering recipe for smelts that I like:

Place about a pound (demi-kilo) of smelts in a pan with a few slices (5 or 6) of fresh ginger root and a few chopped green onions (scallions - about inch long or 3 cm. pieces) The smelt should be clean though might have head left on. (i.e. gut them and wash). Add one cup of vinegar (about 30 centiliters). about half a cup (15 centiliters) of soy sauce, about three to four tablespoons (4 centiliters) of sugar, about 1 teaspoon (1/4 CENTILITER(OF SESAME OIL.

Bring to a boil; then simmer, covered for 2 hours.

Drain fish and discard liquid. Eat or, even better, put in the fridge to chill and serve cold.

The fish have been simmered so long in the vinegar and such that the bones are quite soft and can be eaten whole so nothing is wasted. If you are doing the cold thing it can be prepared in advance and will keep about a week.

Adjust the vinegar up or down a little bit depending on how you like vinegar. I don't like vinegar and so only use about 20 cl.

You should, by the way, mention how to choose a fresh fish. I known many people who couldn't tell when a foodstuff was fresh to save their life. Some of your readers have let the women do the shopping (the male chauvinists) and others such as a cook or parent.

Keep it up.

yours sincerely,
Constant Reader

IRISH MADMEN

Lights of Belfast

A little secret - for the love of Mike don't tell the Madmen - Paisley - Faulkner - Heath - and helper Lynch - who did not - though he could have pulled the electric switch during recent coal miners strike in Britain - much of electrical power comes from the Irish (Free to Exploit State) - called Irish Republic of course these self styled democratic christian gents - called statesmen, wouldn't like that to happen with the lights out - English soldiers - tanks bumping and shooting - at anyone, or thing that moved - chaos and bloody confusion - these victims of English Imperialism - those interned in jails and concentration camps - and brutally tortured and held - without charge - or tried - many of them Trade Unions - who believe and advocate a Socialist system for Ireland, to replace the brutal bloody Imperialist policy, would no doubt escape.

And sure and Bejesus - Coal - from Red Poland - Communist coal no doubt loaded on trucks in Irish Free State and trucked - across the border - into Police State Northern Ireland (our) Being Irish means they're guilty, so we're guilty one and all:

Round the world the truth will echo, Armwell's men are here again.

England's name is sullied in the eyes of honest men.

Proudly march behind our banner, firmly stand behind our men,
(Vietnam, Quebec, Ireland, etc.)
We will have them free to help to build a nation once again.
On the people, march together, proudly, firmly on our way,
Never fear and never falter till our boys are home again.
- by Barney McGuigan

Signed,
For Ireland -
United and Free,
R.A.

BETTER "DAYS"

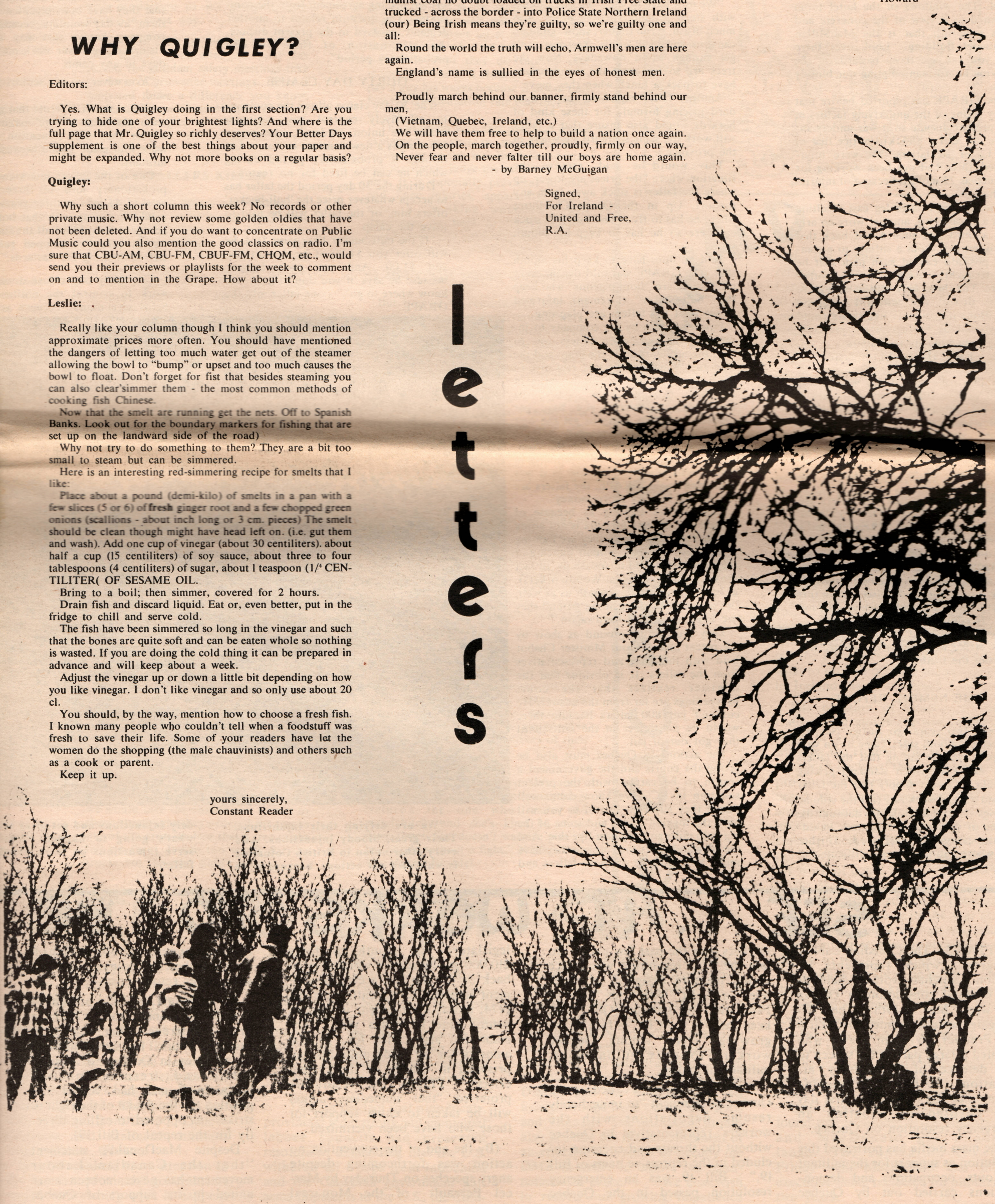
Dear Grape People,

Congratulations on the May 17 edition of the "Better Days Almanac". Both the structure and form, particularly of the first two pages, are works of journalistic art. It's nice to see the Grape finally realize that revolutionary change can be built from the inside out, as well as from the outside in. What good is a political change if you feel lousy?

Please maintain this balance of ideological and physio-psychological material because I like to be able to buy your paper and send xeroxings to my friends in far away places.

Thanks again for a good 25 cent artwork this time.

In Peace and Quiet,
Howard



FALLERS CONFIDENT OF WIN

"We are defying their bloody

By BOB SMITH

Organized labour in BC is being taught that it has great strength.

The primary teachers of this lesson are the some-time "prima-donnas of the woods," the fallers, and last week the GRAPE spent two days with them in their unofficial headquarters at the Ritz hotel. The windows of the hotel toom openned to a view of the concrete and glass monolith that is the MacMillan —Bloedel Building: "Look over there and you can see those bastards at the drawing board manipulating our bloody lives..."

The GRAPE has reported before that safety is one of the underlying factors in this present dispute so it was understandable but still a shock to notice that of the 12 or so fallers that were interviewed, three had not been working for as much as 22 months because of injuries on the job.

One sported a huge leg cast resulting from a crushed leg, another wore an arm cast, a third had such a bad back that simply moving from a sitting to a standing position caused such pain that he was frequently assisted by the other fallers. The three were reason enough to close down the coastal logging operations if accidents like theirs could be avoided by the agreement presently being demanded by the fallers.

The Ritz Hotel headquarters is necessary because for the past few weeks the courts have been filled with fallers who have been charged with contempt of court for "allegedly" refusing to work after they received injunctions in January. But the cases in court are little more than a farce as lawyers duel with technicalities to prove, if you can believe it, that the fallers are actually not working.

The fact remains that 800 fallers are not working and there are few logs in the water; enough perhaps to keep the mills working another two weeks.

As one faller said: "You can forget all that bullshit in the courts. The issue is pure and simple: forced labour, slavery. There is only one kind of freedom in this country and that is to be a slave, and for some, freedom to starve."

Strong words, but as the background to the strike would testify, they are not far from the truth.

THE NEMETZ REPORT

About two years ago Justice Nemetz, respected by both sides, came down with a report recommending that the fallers work under a written standard pricing formula. It meant simply that the faller be paid a piece work rate (for the volume of logs cut) that took into account the degree of difficulty falling trees in different locations. In other words, a higher rate where cutting is more difficult and dangerous.

One faller put it this way: "There was a base rate set way back in 1953, and that was all right when we were working the valley bottoms where the timber was big, and it was fairly nice going. But now we are getting to the point where there are no valley bottoms left.

"We now have to work the side of hills with steep ground, 'pecker poles', too much brush, scrub timber, snow, goddam canyons and rock bluffs. You just can't get enough wood nowadays. Now the trees are so far apart the woodpeckers have to pack a lunch when they move."

Another faller explained that a standard pricing formula for these kind of hazards would also insure that a faller will work the same standard anywhere in the province.

This would he said, remove the situation where "the prices are lower, up where the faller is stuck away from any support. Up in the Queen Charlottes where he has to fly in and out, he's stuck up there so he has to keep his mouth shut."

And he does have to keep his mouth shut. The GRAPE was told that in every camp there are "stool pigeons" who keep the "bull-bucker" (foreman) informed about what the fallers are planning.

Further tactics by the company to intimidate the outspoken fallers was to "put the militants up in the crap, and the nice guys, the guys who talk real nice to the boss, would be down in the valley in the shade making all the money. The stool pigeon, whether you have got senority ornot, is going to get the best timber and the softest touch."

And it would appear that the companies are after these same militants in this present situation, because as it was explained to the GRAPE, the fallers are not asking for any more money:

"They aren't fighting us because of money (the Nemetz formula is not going to cost them any more), they are fighting us because we are a militant bunch and they are determined to squash us. In fact the union (International Woodworkers) at one time wanted to squash us as well, but now that we are gaining ground they are hopping on the bandwagon."

They are gaining ground as show by the recent talks Labour Minister Chabot held with the IWA and representatives from the fallers. It is obvious that the minister realizes that the court proceedings are far from the answer. He couldn't jail 800 fallers because there would be no timber in the mills until they got out of jail.

The actions in Quebec must also be giving the courts and the government a reason to be careful with the present situation in BC: "We know damn well that if they jail even two of us you will have the logging camps and some of the big pulp mills go bang, just like that. And the plywood mills too, becausethey have said: 'You jail one of those fallers and we shut it down.' They're in one of the worst spots they've ever been in because the membership of the sawmills are now supporting us too, and thats 14,000 men."

If the fallers are so strong, why then have they not acted sooner to obtain a written pricing agreement from the companies? The question relates to another demand involved in the present dispute, the elimination of the "30 day probationary period".

THIRTY DAY CLAUSE

The 30 day clause allows the company to effectively control any militancy within the union. Under it, whenever a faller signs a new contract he has to last through a probationary period during which he can be fired for no reason.

During the 30 day period the faller has to accept whatever price the 'bull-bucker' offers him, or the faller will be told to leave the camp.

"If the bull-bucker likes your face, he will offer you $1.20; if he doesn't like you $1.00. And you can't bargain because he says 'if you don't like it you know where to go'," - one faller told the GRAPE.

But it is also through the 30 that the company is able to any information it receives who have essentially been become 'stool pigeons'.

"They let the bull know shit disturbers, and eventual that they have been blacklist them '29 day wonders' becau company knows that you disturber you never work mo days in any camp.

"You never get any seniorit said.

"When the SUN wrote that about the faller 'athlete' maki a year they didn't mention mate who made $6000 becaus militant."

One of the fallers interview probationary jobs in three worked 41 jobs in three years wouldn't put up with that ho getting robbed blind all the ti ter 41 jobs I've stopped ru started fighting the bastards."

The thirty day clause does work to control the militan helps save money because as

"We are defying their injunctions. Their great, bloody injunctions. And every other union in British Columbia is watching our actions, because if we defy injunctions and get away wit what's going to happen when serve injunctions on these people faller.

SEE... IT WORKS TO BE

OTTAWA: The Canadian Labour Congress, (which represents 1,7 million Canadian workers held its 9th biennial convention in Ottawa last week, May 15-19th. The 1700 delegates were welcomed to Ontario by Premier William Davis who devoted a large part of his speech to the defence of compulsory arbitration. After the opening ceremonies the rest of the first day was devoted to debating an emergency resolution on Quebec.

The mass media has portrayed this resolution as support for the militant walkouts, occupations and demonstrations carried out by Quebec workers over the past few weeks. In fact the CLC resolution was a face saving measure designed to paper over a split with the Quebec Federation of Labour (QFL) and keep them in the CLC in face of the growing trend among Quebec workers towards autonomous, militant unionism.

The CLC resolution called on the Quebec government "to immediately resume negotiations with the workers' representatives in Quebec without the threats and coercion included in the repressive items of Bill 19." Bill 19 was an emergency resolution passed in the Quebec legislature last month to force 210,000 public service workers to go back on the job and accept government imposed terms until June 30, 1974, unless a settlement is reached before June lst of this year. The resolution also called for "general amnesty for all trade unionists imprisoned in Quebec in the current crisis" Finally the resolution promised "that immediate action will be taken to enlist support for those who have been victimized."

(By the end of the convention no action was forthcoming despite angry speeches on Thursday by Marcel Perrault of the Montreal Labour Council and others demanding that the CLC do more than just send paper resolutions.)

In contrast, CLC president Donald McDonald told a Sunday press conference that the CLC executive council had appealed to all its affiliates in Quebec to "restore calm and resume normal bargaining." and had voiced opposition to "the denial of the right to strike" (as opposed to calling directly for the repeal of Bill 19).

Despite MacDonald's statement "that the Canadian Labour movement has never mobeen more united in its support of Quebec

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faller put it "there is no safety in the camp until the thirty days is up. After you've got your thirty days, then you can challenge the company, but until then they can make you do anything they want. Safety is everybody's concern except the companies when safety interferes with production or it's going to cost money in some way.

"You just can't get through to some of these people. Even after the thirty day period the goddam safety meetings take the form of grievance meetings. There is supposed to be a difference you know. It's just a game of retaliation. They say that they will give us this or that safety feature if we will compromise on something else."

TWELVE FALLERS KILLED

Last year 12 fallers were killed, so naturally when the topic of safety came up during our interviews the conversation became intense. Almost all the fallers had had a friend killed on the job or they had witnessed a death on the job.

Fallers claim many, if not most, fatal accidents could have been prevented if minimum safety requirements had been followed by the company:

"At Sprout Lake they instituted a policy of one scaller (essentially a fallers' aid) per faller and the accident rate went way down. And this policy worked fine for about five years until they decided that they couldn't afford it anymore so they dragged out a compensation law that somehow said it was illegal to have one scaller per faller. This was easy because they control the compensation board anyway; they use it anyway they want to suit themselves.

"And a friend of mine was killed shortly after this new policy was begun, and he could have been saved if he had his own scaller. A tree fell on him and drove the power saw right up inside him. When they found him, six hours after it happened, all that was sticking out was feet. They couldn't pack him out on a stretcher or anything. The guy was busted up so bad they had to pack him out in bags. All for the want of a scaller."

Another faller added, "The only camps that I have worked where there is good safety it is because the workers pushed for it. It is only as good as the worker makes it, but we have to fight for it. And we can't fight for it until we have our thirty days.

"I remember when they tried to get us to work when there was quite a wind blowing. It was a Weldwood camp. And they were sort of laying on these ultimatums. But when it was decided that we would take the chance and submit to these ultimatums they ordered the trucks out of the area for fear that a tree might fall on them. It was too windy for the trucks but the men didn't matter.

"But there are more accidents even than are reported because they try to hide their accidents to keep their Workmen's Compensation rates down," another faller said. More accidents mean higher rates for the company. "I've seen them bring a guy in in an ambulance and put him to bed at the camp. Then a few days later they will put him on light duties. They cover up at least half their accidents with what we call the 'walking wounded'. And they do this to save money because it is cheaper for them to pay a guy his wages because it doesn't affect the compensation rate that they have to pay."

The problem with this practice, it was explained, is that in many accidents neither the victim nor the first-aid man can accurately judge the extent of his injury. It is especially prevalent in back and knee injuries, apparently, and a man, a "walking wounded", will frequently go back to "heavy duties" long before he is physically sound and as a result run into worse injuries.

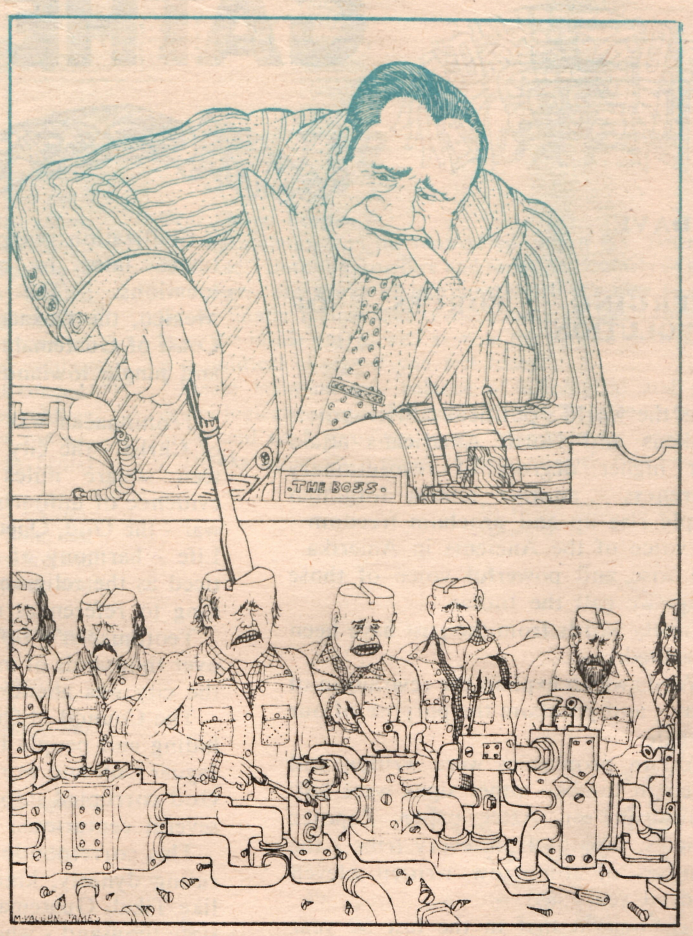
63 MEETINGS SOLVE NOTHING

But it must be remembered that this present dispute is not an irrational walkout by a bunch of prima donna's crying because they didn't get their own way. They have exhausted every legal avenue in order to have the Nemetz report instituted in all camps on the coast. But they have got nowhere as one faller with MacMillan and Bloedel told the GRAPE: "Both the union and the management have been telling us they are going to settle this pricing thing but after 63 meetings with Mac-Blo in the past twenty-two months, they have accomplished nothing."

The companies don't want anything to do with a union that has strength to bargain for itself and "I'll bet that Nemetz has been getting kicked in the ass for ever agreeing with a pricing formula...They're probably saying, 'We would have givin ya three hundred thousand shares of you hadn't said that, Nemetz'."

It would appear that the fallers are going to win this round. And if they keep the communications network that they have now with all the other camps on the coast, they could easily become a **progressive** force and a **progressive** example for the other members of their union.

One faller put it this way: "We aren't working in a prepared shop or anything. Nature's the one who made the sonofabitch, and she's kind of eratic some times. She doesn't want to give up her goods without a fight." Neither does MacMillan Bloedel.



--Star drawing by Martin Vaughn-James

CLC PRES. MACDONALD SAYS NICE TO THEM

workers" Fernand Daoust, Secretary Treasurer of the QFL said there were serious differences between the QFL and the CLC. He would have liked to have seen the CLC go further by endorsing the wave of strikes and demonstrations.

Floor debate on the resolution heard a St. Catherines delegate call for a strike in Canada to support the Quebec workers. This idea was met with applause from the 300 Quebec delegates and scattered militants from outside Quebec.

Several speakers drew attention to the fact that provincial governments would be watching what is happens in Quebec to decide on the viability of similar government actions elsewhere. Delegates from B.C. Ontario and Nova Scotia said that it was only a matter of time before they would face the same situation as Quebec workers were facing now. None of this sentiment was reflected in the executive drafted resolution.

Despite the fact that nine locals, provincial federations and municipal labour councils had presented resolutions demanding that the U.S. withdraw all troops from Indochina and the Canadian government halt arms shipments to the U.S., the Committee on International Affairs presented a policy statement which read "We, urge the Government of Canada to call for a special debate in the United Nations with a view to having the U.N. adopt an emergency resolution demanding an immediate cease fire, the withdrawal of North Vietnamese forces from south of the D.M.Z. and the withdrawal of all foreign troops from Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam. The resolution should also provide for the establishment of an effective U.N.force to occupy the DMZ in order to ensure the maintenance of peace. "We also wish to record our growing impatience with the Canadian Government's refusal to act on our demand that Canada discontinue the sale of arms to the United States which may be used in Vietnam." If this sounds familiar, the reason is that it is Nixon's position, without the demand for the release of U.S. prisoners.

Also under International Affairs was a resolution presented by the B.C. Federation of Labour which read"That the CLC be asked to contact the British Trade Union Council and urge that Britain's labour body protest British government policy in Northern Ireland." Speakers making statements such as "it is a situation of the British army in a British country" were allowed to state their position but when a man stood up to explain that Britian had been occupying Ireland and oppressing the Irish people for 800 years, he was ruled out of order. The resolution was finally defeated because it was felt that the CLC "had no right" to tell the British Trade Union Council what to do and because the situation in Ireland "is so confused."

The question of women in the trade union movement was touched upon in a resolution brought forward by the Human Rights Committee which declared that the CLC and provincial Federations of Labour be urged to examine relevant federal and provincial legislation and, where necessary, have laws enacted which embody the principles of equal opportunity for women and equal pay for work of equal value." But that's as far as it went.

MacDonald made his position clear when at one point he was accused of ignoring a woman who had been waiting at a microphone for a chance to speak. He replied that he was keeping her there on purpose for the pleasure of looking at her. When he let her speak she said that someone else had said what she had wanted to say and so she would let him off the hook and ask for a vote on the motion. MacDonald smiled, and said "See, it works to be nice to them."

Unfortunately many delegates found this treatment of her amusing and MacDonald got a big laugh. The convention closed Friday with MacDonald and the executive being reelected for another two years.

GATHERING OF PEACE

By DAVE

EMERGING FORCES OF REVOLUTION

As the world's political consciousness awakens and North Americans attain ever higher degrees of revolutionary awareness - another almost forgotten people rise up and proclaim freedom - the voice of the Ancients in Amerika. The wise and powerful voice of those whom we call the Indian.

Timely words from the past have been unearthed.

Words which explain the revolution of today - and proclaim the purpose of our struggle.

Certain prophecies were written and sealed in tombs - other signs were left: manuscripts on Aztec paper, Zapotec codicies; legends from every tribe - the promises of tomorrow written eleven hundred years ago.

It is written that in the last 52 year period leading up to the final day for this age of man the children of the white man and other races living on the homeland, America, will join together as never before; and that people who find the proper path - a harmonious balance with all other living beings - will emerge from this 5th Age into the 6th. All else will meet some form of destruction. That day is fifteen years away!

The date of this occasion has been calculated according to the most advanced calendar system devised by humans - more accurate than the one used by the modern world. The calendar is extremely complicated and involves a "century" of 52 years - two kinds of years: one of 260 days, and a 365 one quarter day year. But the way these calendars overlap whem meshed together creates a pattern through time which corresponds to the dates of certain cosmic **events**

Some such events are eclipses or the passage of comets - others correspond to the time certain prophecied "gods" or people will arrive and undertake a predicted lifestyle which greatly influences the population.

Other events refer to the time that roles will be assumed by certain individuals like Hitler climbing to power or the landing of Cortez on the shores of Mexico. The dates of these events were correctly predicted thousands of years ago.

UNFOLDING TIME AND QUETZALCOATL

The first to use the calendar were the Olmec, living about 1500 B.C. on the swampy shores of the South West corner of the Gulf of Mexico. They constructed collossal ceremonialcentres on artificial plateaus amid the jungle swampland . Their original homeland is volcanic and lies buried beneath hundreds of feet of ash - so what the Olmec were like before they arrived in the swamps is unknown.

The Olmec disappeared about 600 B.C.

Civilization reappeared - several centuries later in many far removed locations. The Valleys of central Mexico, the Oaxaco Valley, the Pacific Coast of Guatemala and both highlands and jungle lowlands of Guatemala.

Teohihuacan was built about the time of Christ - the city spread out over sicteen square miles and there is no evidence of militarism or implements of war - the God, Quetzalcoatl was God of Life - harmony of all things was practiced as the religion and lifestyle according to references unearthed.

Teotihuacan's influence can be seen over thousands of miles. About 500 AD the city was abandoned.

The Council of Quetzalcoatl went into hiding and people began to practice the Jaguar Cult and worship Tezcatlipoca - a God corrupted into fearsome form over several centuries.

This corresponded to the growth of a ruling dynasty, kind of thing in places like Tikal, Guatemala - a city of around sixty thousand - where previously government seemed to be decentralized and the society egalitarian. Wealth had been evenly distributed and even the smallest villages took turns rotating functions within the major ceremonial-administrative centres. That changed.

Militarism grew. A power elite asssumed increased control. The sacred calendar had predicted the time of these events - and the end for them as well.

The calendar cycles reflected ever new patterns.

From Xochicalco, the Council of Quetzalcoatl sent messengers throughout the population to proclaim the coming of a new era. Religious upsurge swept the countryside and by 900 AD all of the lowland Maya cities were abandoned.

Millions of Maya people disappeared in what remains one of the worlds most spectacular mysteries.

The Jaguar Cults were exiled and temples raised to Quetzalcoatl.

Quetzalcoatl.. arrived on earth as prophecied and peace was restored; new librairies were built, centres of learning and wisdom grew. Tula was founded - the centre of a new era:

the great Toltec-Maya
Confederacy was formed based on the philosophy of the "Tree". (The Tree is the Tree of Life: Evolution).

The great pyramid at Cholula was built.

Quetzalcoatl stayed 52 years - one cycle - and returned to his home: Venus. His deeds were known from Ohio to Peru.

The date of his birth was 947 AD his departure 999 AD. He lived as Jesus Christ lived. He was God.

His death corresponded to the ending of the 3rd cycle. the Third Heaven.

There were to be 13 Heavens of 52 years followed by nine Hells of Increasing Doom before the end of this age of man.

The desires of the people of American were to be filled during the Heavens - hearts became corrupt ...

The Toltec forgot Quetzalcoatl's teachings and rose to power.
They forged an empire during the eleventh century AD.

The Jaguar Cults swept out of hiding - cities were ravaged .. human hearts were torn out during the conquests .. priest had their right foot cut off.

The downfallwas predicted by the calendar - the Toltec overextended and dissolved into feuding city - states.

Later a small wandering tribe settled on Lake Tezcoco between warring cities. The newcomers hired themselves out as mercenaries and gradually became powerful. They also invented the chinampa: a unique way of cultivating swamps by building up floating gardens. They became the Aztec.

Tenochtitlan was founded and the Aztec empire grew. Aztec Gods were cruel demanding thousands of ritual sacrifices and unending warfare.

Time ran out - the last day of the thirteenth Heaven came and passed. Cortez landed on Good Friday, 1519, the first day of the lst Hell for the inhabitants of America.

By the end of the lst fifty-two year Hell, the population of Oaxaca and vicinity had been reduced from over twenty million to about one million...

The last day of the Last or ninth Hell is August 16, 1987!

"On that day the Tree of Life will blossom with a fruit never before seen on Earth; and that fruit will be the new spirit of Man."

OTHER REFERENCES:

Indian voices are rising up all over Amerika - each tribal legend refers to the same process of impending revolution. They insist on being understood.

The Hopi, traditional guardians of ancient secrets since the days of the centres of wisdom to the South, have recently held council at Oraibi, their Pueblo stop a six hundred foot escarpment in the middle of the Arizona-New Mexico desert plains. Oraibi is the oldest continuously occupied settlement within the United States. The Hopi have never considered themselves as part of the USA.

At this unprecedented gathering, thirty-two Hopi elders presented their amazing and powerful story to the world. It was time to tell their story.

This History is proclaimed in the *Book of the Hopi*. In this they prepare the world for total revolution and for the coming time of our emergence.

Several other incredible books have recently been published on this subject. *Warriors of the Rainbow:* by William Willowya (Eskimo) and Vinson Brown; Black Elk's, *Sacred Pipe;* Alfonso Caso's *Aztec: People of the Sun*; Carlos Castaneda 's two mind blowing paperbacks documenting *The Teachings of Don Juan: A Yaqui Way of Knowledge* and *A Separate Reality.*

THE PEACE GATHERING

The gathering of Peace in Colorado has been prophecied for thousands of years. The hosts are the Arapaho - Table Mountain is the ancient sacred lands of the Arapaho.

Indian legends from many different tribes announce the Gathering to be a time when a great happening will occur. People will learn a sacred dance which help them to communicate or tune into a different reality. This is to be a direct kind of learning experience which prepares people for the emergence somehow.

The Indian legends are one side of the story - our own growing awareness and acceptance of new ways of living and seeing was predicted by the ancients as the role we would play wherein more and more people would begin to tune their hearts to the Tree of Life in preparation for the coming together of peoples. Our growing social discontent and emerging rage is part of that role...the tearing down of sumbols of oppression is another part. the breakdown of our ethnocentricity is another. This has not yet happened as much of the so called counter-culture remains leary of anything not explainable with good old western empiricism and supposed laws of cause and effect. We distrust any "revolution " that Marx could not comprehend...

Irregardless, the present state of world affairs was not only predicted here in America, the present trends are also placed into perspective as leading towards a Total Revolution characterized by the almost total destruction of life on this planet and a New Age for those who survive the emergence.

For anyone who wants to get deeper into these prophecies: Tony Shearer, Sioux has written a powerful and beautiful song-story called *Quetzalcoatl: Lord of the Dawn* in which the sacred calendar is explained and linked to the prophecies of the Tree of Life. He writes the book as his part in the unfolding of History which was written long ago in the magical City in the Clouds at Monte Alban in Oaxaca.

The time for us to be told is now.

We are being prepared as was written. At first we will not believe - this was meant to be so!

That's why COLORADO is happening.

Gathering of Peace, Table Mountain in Rocky Mountain National Park, about ninety miles north of Apen, Colorado. First week in July, 1972.

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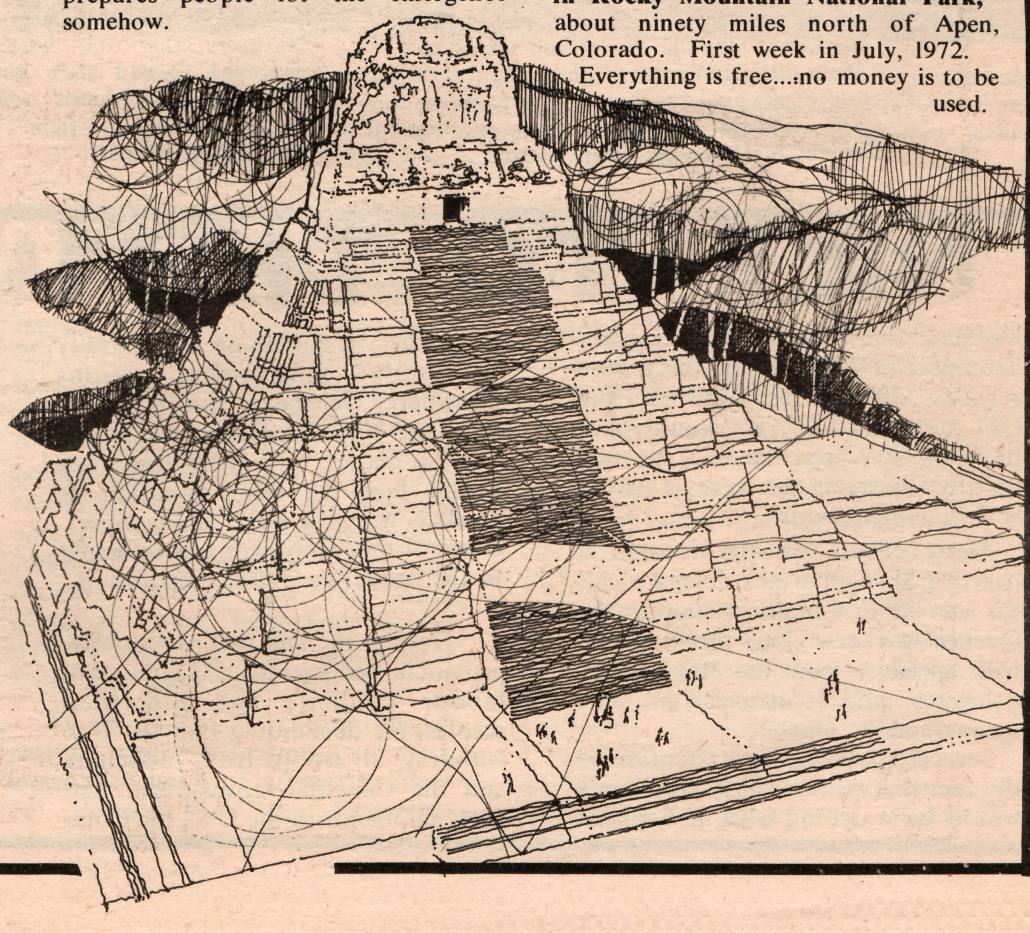

DOCTOR'S BAG

By DR. FOXGLOVE

NOISE - HARMFUL TO HEALTH

Noise is harmful to health. We put up with a lot more noise than is comfortable. We think we get used to it and that it doesn't bother us any more; but down inside, out bodies don't really like it; and it makes us tired..shorttempered, unable to think and of course deaf. nUnwanted sound (like unwanted light) robs us of sleep. Thousands of new devices have been invented in the last century and many of them are nosiy.

The decibel is a scientific unit to measure how loud a noise is. The pitch of sound is also important: it is measured in frequency, that is, in cycles per second of the air-waves.

Many studies have been done of noise, and you can look it up in your library. Be careful about the standards, though, because engineers usually take the volume of sound ordinarily present to be the standard of what is safe and harmless. In this way, if they are asked to set a limit to the noise an air-compressor should make, they measure the sound coming off an ordinary air-compressor, and declare that it should not EXCEED that! In other words, the manufacturer is not called on to design his machine to be quieter, but only asked not to make the next one LOUDER.

Studies have shown that working all day in a noise of 90 decibels or more will damage your hearing in time. Less than 80 decibels seems to be safe. A word of caution here too: it is usually said that people lose their hearing as they get old anyway, so that a certain loss must be discounted; apparently not true! - someone found that in the villages of Africa (where the loudest noise breaking the stillness may be a bird singing or a hoe scratching the ground) the old people's hearing is just as sharp as the young people's.

The problem may be divided into three parts:

1) At home.
2) On the job.
3) In the community.

1) AT HOME: The kitchen is the noisiest part of the house. It is also noisier than you think. Electric mixers make 95 decibels. Instruments of so-called entertainment, like TV's radios, and recorded music, often all on at the same time, can be a menace to hearing and sanity.

2) ON THE JOB: Many people have been permanently deafened by working in a noisy plant. Metal-working shops, boiler factories and foundries are bad, but so are shops where machines go at high speed. Modern paper mills and wood-working mills are particularly harmful because of their high-pitched whine.

In Canada, the control of noise by public regulation is sporadic. Some good things have been done in some places. Compensation for lost hearing exists but is not paid very often. It should be thought of by those who work in steady or very loud noise. The struggle of people to get compensation for occupationad deafness has only begun in this country.

3) IN THE COMMUNITY: After the kitchen and the factory, there are noises that can reach the community in general. In the cities, and whereever air-craft or other machines are centres, loud, unpleasant sound is the fate of more and more people in more and more places. Even if it doesn't damage your hearing, it certainly ruins your nerves. People are waking up to the fact that noise is getting intolerable. I feel that people don't have to prove what harm it does: if you find it unpleasant, it's bad!

It is a rule that in socialist countries the standards set for limits of pollution are more stringent than those in capitalist countries. Therefore I was amused recently to read in *The Sun* in an otherwise good article on industrial noise, that the first action taken against it was "naturally " in the U.S.A., in 1969. This isn't true, and if it were it wouldn't be "Naturally"; because the U.S.A. is away behind the socialist, and many of the capitalist, countries in the control of environmental hazards. This only goes to show that you can't rely on the Canadian press to know what is going on in the world; they only read American news, and so do the Yanks, so it's deaf leading the deaf.

Dear Dr. Foxglove;

Would you please send me the name and address of the doctor who practices acupunture in Vancouver?

I have had arthritis for about four yrs. now, in a rather generalized way, and all medication has failed to give me relief. I am 42 years old, and as I have been very active all of my life, I find it most difficult to deal with this type of life I now must lead.

I would appreciate to hear from your very soon,

Yours truly,

Mrs. M. G.
Maple Ridge.

REPLY:

Dr. Harold Saita, 659 Clyde, West Vancouver, is the only doctor in B.C. who practises acupuncture. He learned it in Japan. He has appeared on T.V. to demonstrate and explain his method. He is very busy and is rather hard to get to see. There are several people not licensed as doctors, who are reported to practise acupuncture.

If your physician is sympathetic, you might ask him if he thinks your kind of arthritis may be helped by acupuncture. Perhaps he would read up on it and it would help you to read up on it too. There are books in the library.

PLEASURE FAIRE REVISITED

The Dewdney Trunk Road Pleasure Faire has reappeared.

This time enclosed in a colourful batiked bag.

Some of the people who put on the fine and mellow faire and craft market near Mission last September have put out a record of that event.

They published 600 copies, each in a different patterned bag. Inside each page is loose and orderless, about 70 pages in all. There are photos of the mediaeval looking entrance to the faire, an extension of a barn. Photos of tents, building and craft making. But mostly there are pictures of people at the faire, some in browns, blues and purples. There are also poems, messages and scratched drawings.

Bannana Brothers is one place in town where you can get a copy. Its a craft shop on Carrall St. in Gastown. The booklets cost $900 to print and you can get one for $2.95.

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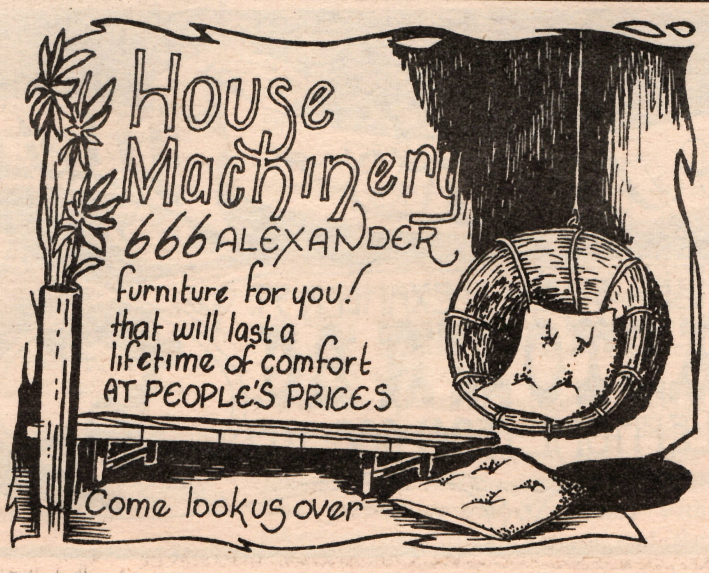

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Community Meeting

By Augie

A "community" meeting called by the Partisans was held Saturday May 2l at Inner City's to discuss the conflict between the Partisans and Youngblood over a Gestetner machine.

The meeting, attended by about 3l people, was not attended by the Youngbloods because they didn't like the idea of attending a community meeting not called by the community but by the Partisans. Youngbloods felt that a meeting of the Partisans, themselves, and representatives of other Vancouver community groups should occur prior to any public meeting on the issue, to discuss how such a public meeting should go down in a way that would most benefit the people.

The majority of people who spoke at the meeting seemed to go along with the suggestions that the Gestetner should go to a community information centre, where the Gestetners well as other resources would be available to the community, excluding such groups as the Nazi party.

Since such a centre doesn't exist, the GRAPE Office, being a "neutral territory" was suggested as a place for the Gestetner to go where it would be available for community use without the control of any one group.

It was decided to have a delegation from the meeting approach the Yungbloods to discuss the decisions of the meeting.

When I spoke to the Youngbloods Tuesday they said that no decision had yet been made regarding the issue but they were open to discussion.

I spoke to Dave Hemmingway of the Partisans . Tuesday he said their basic position is that the Youngbloods should have attended the meeting even if they didn't like the way it was called. Boycotting the meeting was not in keeping with a fraternal attitude as the meeting was called not as a trial but in an effort to begin a fraternal struggle.

They also thought that the idea of holding a meeting involving themselves Youngblood and representatives of other community groups prior to a community meeting is elitist.

They believe it is important to build a broad base anti-imperialist movement and Youngblood should work with them on building a community information center if they are in agreement with this idea. This would also solve the issue of the Gestetner.

All in all, the Partisans felt it was a good meeting but it would have been better if Youngblood had attended.

INFINITY FAIR

By Candy Access

Infinity Fair is what they are calling it, a "hip and groovy" version of the PNE to take place May 31 to June 4 at the Pacific Coliseum.

The fair is put on by Greengrass productions operating out of an office on the 17th floor of the Guiness Tower.

The highlight of the fair is the Rolling Stones Concert on June 3(already sold out)

Political, educational, religious, ecological and community action seminars and workshops, booths and displays by commercial and community people, concerts and a film festival make up the agenda for the other days.

Greengrass productions was incorporated in December 1971 and Infinity Fair is their first venture.Neil Godin and Bill Gibson are the two main people involved in Green grass productions with a staff of about 20 working with them.

Neil Godin was involved in promoting Rock Expo, the Aldergrove rock festival and a Buffy St. Marie concert held for the NDP before the last provincial election.

These previous enterprizes left Godin owing various musicians money. The musicians Union has said if Godin repays this money he can have music for Infinity Fair.

Greengrass productions has agreed to pay back this money before the fair begins May 31. The regular 15 percent taken from the door that goes to the coliseum was waivered for Infinity Fair.

Harold Lock of the PNE would make no comment on this but the "community nature of the fair could be a factor involved in the waiver"

Greengrass productions planned to turn some of the money from the fair over for community development. Promotion of rock groups, and concerts is an example of their plans.

To keep the cost of admission to the fair down, various groups and businesses are being charged $1.50 per square feet for display space.

Mother Natures Inn, Leather and Things, Hari Krishna, Rarmet Imports, United Water Beds, Edwards House of Art, Encyclopedia Brittanica, Young Socialists, Modern Music, Field's department store and the Vancouver Public Library are a few of the people to have booths set up on the concourse of the coliseum.

Other recent additions are: S.P.E.C., Welfare, Welfare Rights, B.C. Civil Liberties, the Women's Centre, and the Georgia Straight.

Admission to the fair is $2.00 advance and $2.50 at the door for all days except May 3. Admission for May 3 is included in the tickets for the Rolling Stones Concert scheduled for that night.

Community groups are receiving free space in the fair in exchange for participating in workshops and seminars.

Some of these groups include SPEC, NOW, The House, Consumer Action League, Le Dain Commission, Architectural Institute of B.C, Inter High Student Union, Women's Centre, B.C. Women's Abortion Coalition, United Appeal Youth, Welfare Rights and B.C. Civil Liberties.

Wednesday night a workshop on Community Action is planned with some of the groups listed above participating.

Thursday there will be an Education workshop, Friday the topic will be the Arts.

Several groups have been approached to participate in the fair but have either refused or are as yet undecided. A few of such groups are B.C. Access, catalogue, The Grape, Alternative Education, Joshua Recycling, The Green peace foundatoin, The Free U. and Vancouver Free Sound.

The reason for much of the indecision is the capitalist nature of Infinity Fair.

The Grape was approached to participate in the fair. Free space was offered in exchange for advertizing and public relations for the fair. So far, we have declined.

HACKS JOIN GAYS

Drivers from a local cab company refused to pick up fares at the Castle Hotel last Sat. evening. The drivers, who asked to remain anonymous, refused to cross an eleven man picket line of the Gay Alliance Toward Equality. G.A.T.E. called for people, both gay and straight to boycott the Castle Hotel to protest alleged discrimination against homosexual patrons.

The hour-long picket turned away several customers away and received vocal support from passers-by.

The Castle Hotel has profitted from a 90 percent gay clientel for two decades. The hotel's pub has a long history of harassment of anyone who displayed any signs of gay affection. Recently the hotel management carried out a total renovation of the pub, and has attempted to chase out patrons it considered "obviously gay."

G.A.T.E. Chairman Roedy Green stressed that "Our first objective was to discourage gays from "passing" as straights and patronizing an anti-gay establishment. We intend to keep fighting the Castle Hotel until it grants its homosexual patrons the same rights it permits its heterosexual clientel.

"We will repeat our boycott picket next Saturday, May 27, at 8 pm." A Castle Official explained, "we are not discriminating against you, we just don't want your kind in here anymore."(K.D.)

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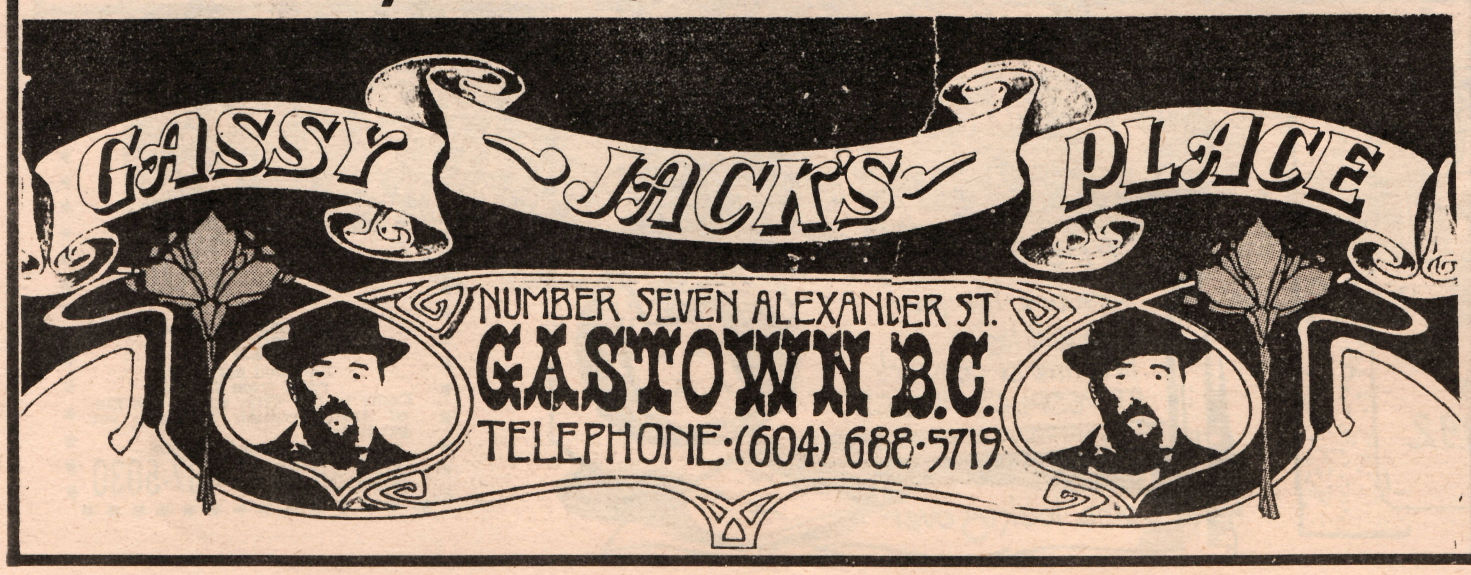

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IRELAND

Part three

FROM CIVIL RIGHTS TO CIVIL WAR

On July 7, 1971, Two innocent civilians were shot dead by British troops. The non-Unionist MPs demanded an investigation. The British government did nothing. The MPs walked out of Stormont. The credibility of the provincial parliament was already low but the absence of even a token middle-class Opposition made the farce of Stormont 'democracy' even more blatant. The British blundered again by refusing to promise that the Special Powers Act (like the War Measures Act in Canada and Quebec) would be invoked in future.

One month later the reason became public when internment was introduced. The non-Unionist MPs were out of Stormont for good.

When internment failed, the Unionists in Stormont had no alternatives left except more escalation of repression. The Unionist bloc itself was beginning to factionalize over tactics. The Tory government in England decide to abolish Stormont, for now at least, at the end of March. Northern Ireland's laws and administration joined the police and army under direct control of London.

The Tories also promised to 'phase out' internment gradually.

The response was at best mixed and it is clearly not a permanent 'solution'. Most Protestants saw it as a victory for the IRA and William Craig's Vanguard Movement and its Ulster nationalism were given a shot in the arm. Most Catholics heaved a brief sigh of relief to see Stormont go, but direct British rule could be a step backwards if it is permanent. William Whitelaw, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland has virtually dictatorial power over day to day decisions.

Stories in the establishment press of the "Bogside Mothers" urging the IRA to stop fighting conveniently left out some important facts: the "women together" are really only a hastily organized group of middle and upper class women mobilized by a Mrs. Nigel Fisher. She is a Tory M.P. in the British Parliament and hardly fits the image created by the press of the working class mother who just wants and end to violence.

Heath is probably hoping to swing some sort of deal with Southern Ireland's Premier Lynch for a federal republic with guarantees to the Protestants to protect certain priviledges including a provincial Stormont for at least part of the six counties — a united, capitalist Ireland within the Common Market.

It remains to be seen how Northern Ireland's business class will react since federal union is more in England's interest than theirs (except for the biggest local capitalists) — because it allows the rationalization and further monopolization of the two Irish economies inside the Common Market framework. It makes them subject to what ever British tariffs are retained despite Common Market agreements against foreign countries.

Protestant workers won't benefit and Catholic workers will just get a slightly larger share of a less protected and declining economy.

Canadian capitalist have large investments in Ireland, especially in mining, insurance and farm machinery. An IRA volunteer got fried at the electrical transformer when attempting to sabotage Toronto-based Mogul Mines which was breaking a stike with scabs). We're part of the NATO military alliance for good reason — to protect Canadian business and political interests at a minimum (shared) cost. Besides Trudeau and Heath will be able to trade information on their respective experiences in dealing with Quebec and Ireland.

No wonder the Canadian government is letting the British troops train on the wide open prairie of Suffield, Alta.

THE COMMON MARKET VOTE...

The overwhelming defeat that anti-common market forces just received over the question of Ireland joining the European Common Market (EEC) has to be seen as a serious setback for the republican forces in the south, particularily as Lynch may use the referendum as a mandate for an IRA round-up.

This of course would be seen as a scab in the back by the minority in the north (who were not given voting rights). Lynch, however, has shown himself to be a skillful reader of public opinion and it is unlikely that he will make his move for an internment in the south until a later date.

A new initiative from Heath with proposals for a federal solution would probably be the scenario in which Lynch would prepare to make his move. In any event, the struggle in the North will dictate the pace of events in the country as a whole and shows no sign of letting up. The tasks of the revolutionary opposition in this context is therefore towards developing their base of support on the country as a whole for the struggle in the North.

The EEC referendum shows that a lot of spade work still is to be done in the south, although it would be a very serious error to underestimate the consciousness of the people in the south over the referendum results, as evidenced by the response to Bloody Sunday.

At this time of writing, reports have come in about very serious fighting in the Belfast area over the weekend: 13 dead and 61 injured by what most certainly was a bomb planted by the U.V.F.

The struggle continues and intensifies. The repression and murder for which British imperialism is ultimately responsible, will continue until Irish people achieve their national liberation. In the words of Padhraic Pearse martyred leader of the Easter Rebellion of 1916, "Ireland unfree, shall never be at peace."

Official IRA checkpoint inside Free Derry, Northern Ireland. (Credit: Eamon McLaugh (LNS)

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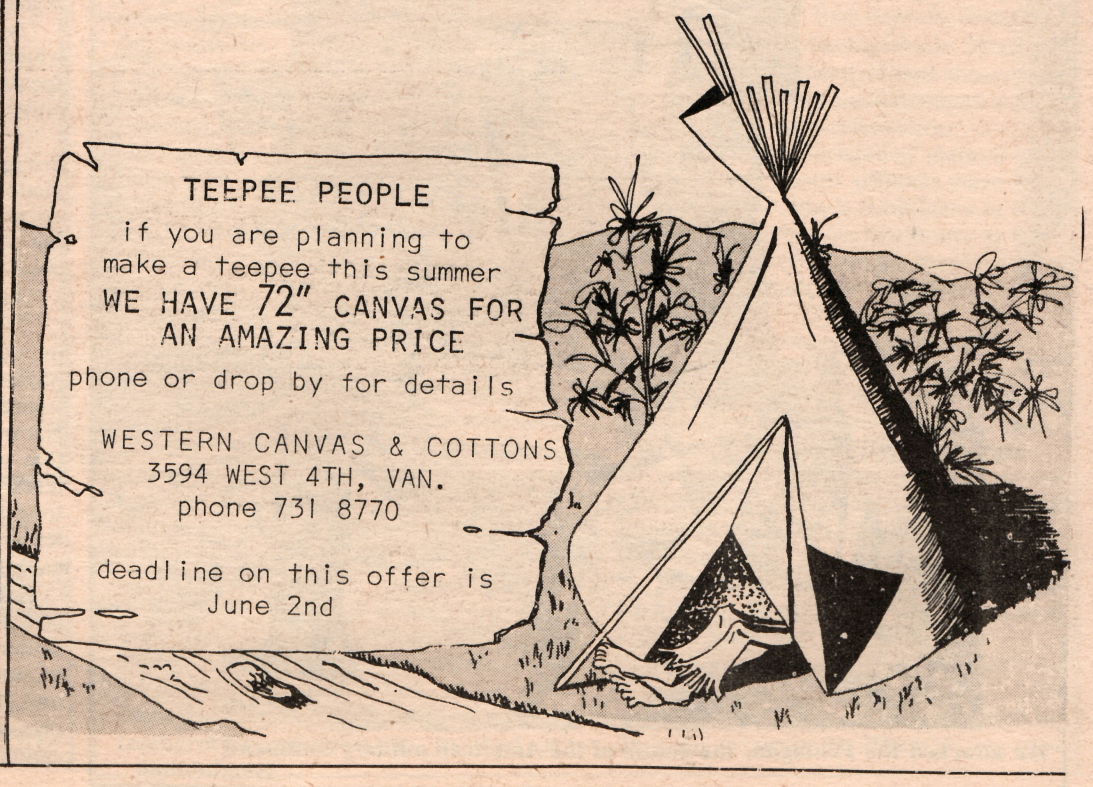

Welfare incompetence —

by Bob Smith

There was a time when Walter Boyd's actions as city welfare director could be excused as the actions of a confused man operating in an impossible situation.

But his latest outbursts exposes him as a malicious man whose incompetance is only overshadowed by his complete lack of integrity.

When the civic workers strike began, he got a lot of press by saying how much fun it was to be on the front lines again handing out checks. He said that he was learning a lot about welfare recipients.

Then two weeks later he announces to the **Province** what the **Province** has been wanting to hear for years: that millions of dollars were being ripped off the unsuspecting public by shiftless deadbeats collecting welfare. Boyd also said that there was no need to worry because he had the solution to this problem.

By the end of the week it was pointed out to Boyd by a representative close to the striking social workers that there was no problem and no "ripoff" after all. The ten percent of the welfare recipients he "caught" were actually just signalling that they were going off welfare. If Boyd had been on the front lines a little longer, or if he had the slightest idea about what was happening in his department, he would have seen his "vast conspiracy" for what it really was.

If Boyd's latest actions were just an isolated incident we could still excuse him as one who has been (understandably) alienated from the purpose of his department by a functionless bureaucracy. But it is not an isolated incident: he's been doing this ever since he arrived 18 months ago.

When he arrived from Winnipeg he was welcomed by the press as an unparalled expert in social welfare (even though he was chosen over a man who had worked wonders in New York), having had a less than auspicious career as Assistant Deputy Minister of Welfare for Duff Roblin's Conservative government. He left shortly after the NDP took power.

His first statements to the press included a firm belief that welfare recipients were not shiftless deadbeats as Minister Gaglardi was fond of saying. And the impression was given that Vancouver was going to see some changes.

Less than a month later he was saying that there are "lots of jobs" available for welfare recipients and that he was about to hire several people to become fraud squad who would go around hassling welfare recipients and calling police whenever they discovered more money than ninety odd bucks a month. At that time, the only people who would have agreed with his welfare policies would be Gaglardi, George Wallace, and Mussolini.

Again not an isolated case. Recently he has taken to lying, deceiving, fibbing to the unions involved in his department. Last November he told twenty three staff

When the San Fancisco Goodtimes, who ran the story, phoned Rolling Stone mouthpiece Jann Wenner he said that "only time will tell how true it (the story) really is."

meanwhile...

WEATHERPEOPLE: ON THE ROAD AGAIN

WASHINGTON D.C. (YIP) — After a long period of relative inactivity the radical Weatherman organization has struck a righteous blow at the heart of amerikan imperialism - they bombed the Pentagon early Friday morning.

The bomb blast demolished a women's washroom on the fourth floor of the top security centre of U.S. military operations. Tons of water gushed out of pipes ripped asunder by the blast forcing the shutdown of $15 million worth of Pentagon computers. Gaping holes were also ripped in walls, ceiling, and floors in the area surrounding the target.

A caller from Weatherman phoned in a warning to the Washington Post before the bomb was scheduled to go off. There were no injuries from the bombing which was intended to be a symbolic act of armed propaganda. The Weatherpeople were protesting the escalation of the Vietnam war and at the same time demonstrating the vulnerability of the Pentagon war machine.

It is believed the Weatherman bombing was the first the Pentagon has ever experienced. The chickens are coming home to roost.

"We attacked the Pentagon, the centre of the American military command."
- Weatherman

TUPAMAROS COUNTER-ATTACK

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay (YIP) - Tupamaros urban guerrillas killed four Uruguayan soldiers in a battle outside the home of Uruguay's army commander-in-chief last week. The action was the first retalliation by the Tupas since Uruguay's President Bordaberry declared a state of internal war and assumed dictatorial power. All the Tupamaros escaped unscathed.

According to government figures 27 people have been killed and 200 arrested since the government declaration. Most of the dead were originally listed as Tupamaros but the list has since been revised. The government now claims that only ten Tupas have been killed and eight Communists (the CP in Uruguay is an aboveground parliamentary party with no underground arm), the rest of the dead have been soldiers or government officials.

The Communists were massacred by soldiers as they stood in the street in front of a social club with their hands over their heads.

Uruguayan dictator Bordaberry is quoted, "It may take 5,000 lives to pacify the country."

THE COSMIC DOLLAR - ROLLING RIP-OFF

NEW YORK, N.Y. (UPS) - According to the Underground Press Syndicate news service, Rolling Stone Magazine is getting ready to roll over us.

They've formed a franchise and commercialization department to create new Rolling Stone products. The effort is being pushed by the Kinney Corporation which owns part of Rolling Sone, and Max Paleveky, the largest single Xerox stockholder and a financier of Rolling Stone.

"If everything which has been proposed becomes a reality, Rolling Stone will have at least one hand in most all youth culture activities. Here is an abbreviated version of their more definite plans: Rolling Stone crunchy granola, backpacks, canteens, hats, a radio station, after shave lotion, toilet water, male eye make-up, shave cream, shampoo, conditioners, a whole line of clothes including afgan and fur coats, fake military clothing, macrobiotic food, a record label, dope smoking accessories, Japanese made musical instruments, travel clubs, tours, travel agencies, nightclubs, hi-fi components, home light shows, personal TV sets.

"And that's not all:

"A Rolling Stone insert is the magazine you get on the airplane.

"A syndicated column on the underground scene appearing in straight newspapers, signed by Jann Wenner, but written and researched by the R.S. staff.

"Rolling Stone management consultants. Rent-a-bright freak service for companies wishing to relate to freak consumers and employees.

"A Rolling Stone speaking bureau, which will provide hip, groovy (but safe) speakers on hip culture to colleges and clubs.

"A local Stone flyer (supplement) is doing well in L.A. and plans are being made to make this a separate underground newspaper to compete with the L.A. Staff, R.S.'s only big rival on the West Coast.

"And we've saved the best for last.

"Thru an R.S. board member's interest in Amerikas No. 1 honky activity, professional baseball, and his resultant friendship with the hirarchy of the National League, it has occurred to them that one way to revitalize long-hair interest in baseball would be to have a long-haired Rolling Stone baseball team. RS is currently trying to buy a baseball team."

Perhaps Vancouver's Kozmic League could cash in on some of these "cosmic dollars" Rolling Stone appears to be out to make. Of course, lofty principles of our beloved people's league would prevent them from consorting with hip capitalists.

RADICALS WIN CITY ELECTION

John Sinclair, Chairman of the Rainbow People's Party, in the "get-out-the-vote-mobile" which helped radicals to victories in Ann Arbor City election. (Credit: Ann Arbor Sun)

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (UPS+CNS) - In Ann Arbor the newspapers are still calling the election victory of two young Human Rights Party (HRP) candidates a "startling upset". But it did happen, fair'n'square, Jerry De Griek and Nancy Wechsler won election in Ann Arbor's first and second wards (equivalent to aldermen) and now hold the balance of power on the 11 person City council. The Republicans elected 5 members and the Democrats 4.

Genie Plamondon, wife of former FBI Top Ten fugitive Pun Plamondon, also showed strongly as a HRP candidate in the third ward.

The victory is the first indication that the strategy of young people running for election in areas where there are high concentrations of freaks has some potential. This strategy when voiced by Abbie Hoffman, John Sinclair, and Jerry Rubin last year was greeted with derision and screams of "sell-out".

The HRP slate of candidates was heavily sided by the Rainbow People's Party (formerly the White Panther Party) and grew out of the Ann Arbor Tribal Council. The Tribal Council is a weekly assembly of the Ann Arbor community which operates as a dual power

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persons not to worry about their job; in February these twenty three got their notices.

Last summmer he ran a rediculously expensive summer program for transients. His staff told him how to run a better and cheaper operation, and every single recommendation was ignored.

In the past, he has told reporters from this paper one story and reporters from the straight press another story. Truly a man for all media as the "scoop" to the **Province** further attests.

He has yet to complete a reorganization of the department that was almost finished at the time he took on the job, a failure that has had drastic effects on the morale of his staff, who rarely know their status from one week to the next.

Many workers in his department have told me that he has promised them action in various areas only to discover that he "forgot" or was "very sorry". In most cases these promises were given in exchange for concessions proferred to him. And these same workers tell me that, given better times, they wouldn't hang around to "take that shit" except for the fact that social worker positions are impossible to get in these times of OFY $400 a month Employment Insurance.

But some workers have decided that poor job market or not, they are not going to put up with Boyd's incompetance any longer: Mrs. Effie Keayes, and Mrs. Maureen Cochrane, two senior administrators on the department resigned last April reportedly because they could no longer put up with the frustration of Boyd's administration of the department. Mrs. Cochrane in fact said in an interview that she resigned for just these reasons.

To answer some of these criticisms the GRAPE tried for, and got, confirmation on an interview with Mr. Boyd. Knowing his habits we asked him to guarantee us a half an hour at least. He agreed. We arrived at his office building at the promised time just in time to meet him on his way out. He told us that he was sorry but "I have to get to the bank, you see?"

(Bob Smith was an employee of the social service department from May to December of 1971.)

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representating the wishes of the alternative community.

GREAT SPECKLED BIRD FIREBOMBED

Burned out office of the Great Speckled Bird in Atlanta.

ATLANTA, Georgia (LNS) - The offices of the Great Speckled Bird, the southern United States' largest alternative paper, were firebombed earlier this month. The Bird had been publishing for four years.

"The sight of the extensive damage to the office was a shock to all of us as we gathered...to salvage what we could," said the Bird people in a statement following the bombing. Fire and water damage was quite extensive, and the Bird office was rendered unusable.

The firebombing only added to the problems the Bird has been facing recently. The Mayor of the city is attempting to shut down the paper by harrassing and arresting vendors because they don't have licenses. The post office, not to be outdone, has stated it will not handle the paper if it continues to run ads for abortion referral services.

The harrassment and firebombings have raised the newspaper's debt to about $4000. Staff members say, "It is clear to us that there is a directed effort to force us to cease publishing. Our economic existence is very marginal...."

In spite of setbacks the paper intends to come out on schedule and continue to serve the people of Atlanta and the southern U.S.

If you can help the Bird in any way, feel free to write them at Box 7847, Atlanta, Georgia 30309.

EARTHA KITT - JUST ANOTHER NIGGER

DURBAN, South Afrika (YIP) - Ricist South Afrika does it again.

Well known black singer Eartha Kitt wandered into an amusement park while visiting the city of Durban. She and her ten year old daughter were riding on the bumper cars when a man came up and said, "Excuse me, are you a non-European?"

Eartha replied, "Well, I suppose if I look non-white I must be a non-white." She later told newsmen "He meant bumper cars were not for non-whites and that I would have to get out of it. I didn-t know whether to laugh or cry, I think I did both." She added, "I'm glad it happened. It's made me feel the pain that the people here have. It has punctuated the feelings they must have."

CANADIAN CONSULATE OCCUPIED

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (YIP) - Twenty-five Puerto Rican young people occupied the Canadian Consulate last week in support of Humberto Pagan. Pagan is presently being held in Ottawa for deportation from Canada, he fled Puerto Rico after being charged with the killing of the head of a police riot squad in 1971.

The sit-in occupation by the Friends of Humberto Pagan lasted six and one-half hours and demanded the Canadian Immigration Appeals Board make a ruling on Pagan's deportations request. He wants to be deported to Chile or Cuba, both countries have said they will accept him. The U.S. however wants to have him extradited back to Puerto Rico where he will face the death penalty.

BAADER-MEINHOFF GROUP ACCUSED OF BOMBING

KARLSRUHE, Germany (YIP) - The anarchist Baader-Meinhoff Group of Red Army Faction (RAF) has been accused by German police of placing the bomb which blew off the feet of the wife of a West German judge. The judge was involved in prosecuting members of the group.

The RAF has been responsible for numerous daring political actions against the German ruling class and in support of Third World liberation struggles.

GAY MALE LIBERATION MEETS PSYCHOLOGISTS

BOSTON, Mass. (LNS) - More than a dozen members of Gay Male Liberation (GML) came to the annual convention of the Eastern Psychological Association (EPA) at Boston's Sheraton Hotel late last month to challenge the psychologists' role in the oppression of gay people and to present the gathered delegates with four demands. After considerable parliamentary haggling, a vote was taken, and the organization turned down the gay demands by a vote of 221 to 120.

The GML members politely but firmly confronted the psychologists at various seminars, in the corridors, and at a large business meeting, passing out thousands of leaflets, and engaging in conversation with many EPA delegates. Support for the gates, especially those belonging to radical groups such as Science for the People and Psychologists for Social Action.

BOBBY SEALE RUNS FOR MAYOR

OAKLAND, Calif. (YIP) - Bobby Seale, Chairman of the Black Panther Party (BPP), is running for Mayor of Oakland. Seale, who has spent much of the last four years in prison on phony charges founded the BPP in Oakland along with Huey Newton in 1966.

Oakland has an extremely high percentage of black people on the voters roles compared to other areas in the U.S. It is also an area where the early BPP received much support from the people. Lately the Panther Party has begun up to 15 survival programs in the Oakland area, the most popular of which has been a free bag of groceries give-away almost every week.

For these reasons Seale's election campaign the the voters verdict will be an indication of how much support the BPP under Huey Newton's "Survival Pending Revolution" approach to politics has generated.

Good luck Bobby.

PEOPLE'S PARK RETURNED

BERKELEY, Calif.(YIP) - In the midst of turmoil and rioting in response to Nixon's latest atrocities in Vietnam, Berkeley City council requested the University of California to return People's Park to the community which created and fought for it in 1969.

The university agreed.

The recent rioting broke out following Nixon's latest escalation speech. Up to 3,000 people fought police and shut down Berkeley's business community for three days. berkeley City Council and the University of California decided to appease the people by giving the park back - for the time being.

Almost immediately Berkeleyites converged on the park site and began tearing down the fences surrounding it. However, the University still owns the park and can do whatever it wants with it.

Green power to the people. James Rector lives.

NEWSMEN BLOODY GAYS

NEW YORK, N.Y. (LNS) - While police looked on. eight members of the Gay Activists Alliance were attacked as they distributed leaflets at a New York Political dinner last month.

The GAA demonstrators were trying to call attention to the suppression of gay news by members of the Inner Circle, a prestigious organization of political reporters attending ohe dinner.

Allan Ross, one of the activists, told reporters that "with blood dripping from my mouth I was taken to the escalator, beaten again and thrown down the escalator. The police on the ground floor saw the beating and did absolutely nothing."

A number of witnesses charged that one of the primary assailants was Michael Maye, head of New York's powerful Fireman's Union, and a former Golden Gloves heavyweight boxing champion.

Dr. Benjamin Spock, People's Coalition candidate for president, displays clenched fist after being arrested for refusing to leave Washington's Capitol Rotunda. Spock along with millions of other Americans was protesting Nixon's insane warmongering.

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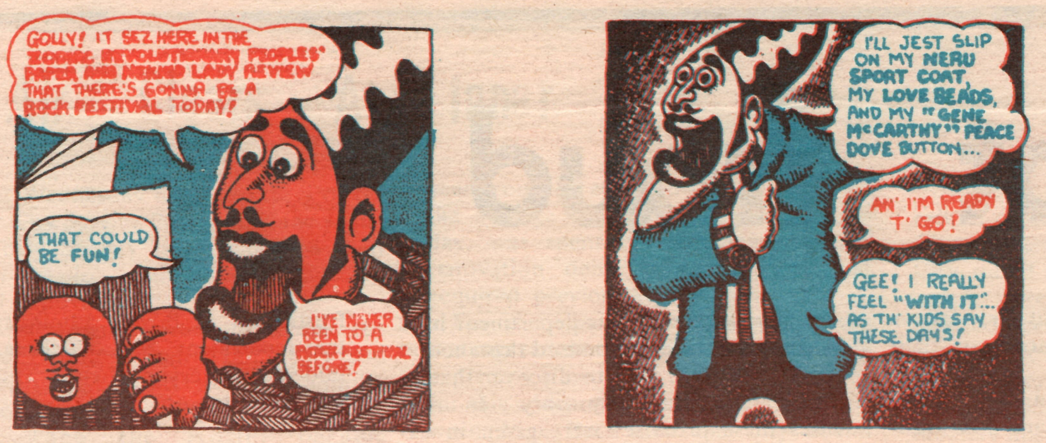

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